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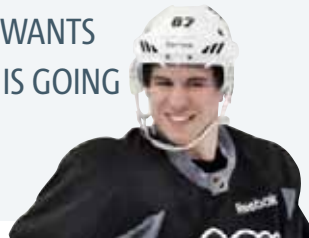
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# Beef plant restarts operations

**Infections.** To date, 12 people in four provinces have been sickened by a strain of E. coli linked to meat from XL Foods

The Alberta plant at the centre of a massive beef recall is being allowed to resume limited operations.

But the Canadian Food Inspection Agency says no products will leave the XL Foods meat packer in Brooks until the agency has approved a full reopening.

"Beginning today, XL Foods will be permitted to resume limited in-house cutting and further processing under strict enhanced oversight," Harpreet Kochhar, executive director for the agency's western operations, said on Thursday.

"This will allow the CFIA to review in a controlled manner the company's improvements made to all previously addressed deficiencies."

The plant was shut down

on Sept. 27 during an ever-expanding recall of its beef products across Canada and more than 20 other countries, including the United States.

Kochhar said the plant has been cleaned and sanitized, and condensation, drainage and ice buildup have also been addressed. He said no new animals will be slaughtered. The 5,100 carcasses to be processed are already in the plant and have been tested for E. coli. Kochhar said 99 per cent are free of the bacteria.

Union boss Doug O'Halloran said Wednesday that the pace of slaughter operations forces workers to take shortcuts around cleanliness.

O'Halloran, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 401, said the processing line at XL Foods moves too quickly. He wants a public inquiry into the problems that led to the plant's shutdown.

The CFIA said it has contacted the union and wants to hear its concerns.

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The XL Foods cattle-processing plant in Brooks has begun limited operations after receiving the go-ahead from the CFIA. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Ready to reoccupy?

Occupy Edmonton will mark the first anniversary of the movement with a march on Jasper Avenue PAGE 3

## Matthew Fox: Lean and mean

The actor talks to Metro about dropping down to nearly 0 per cent body fat to play an assassin in Alex Cross PAGE 36

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**Movement**

## Occupy Edmonton looks to the future at one-year mark

Monday marks one year since a New York movement occupied cities around the globe. Occupy Edmonton plans to celebrate with a march from where they had a camp set up on Jasper Avenue and 102 Street, to Churchill Square.

Spokesperson David Laing isn't sure how many people to expect, but he said reflecting on what the group has accomplished and where they should go from here is key to the one-year mark.

"To be quite honest, trying to maintain a camp for 42 days and 42 nights proved to be very difficult," said Laing. "A lot of people either became demotivated or frustrated. It wasn't sustainable."

Since the eviction, Laing said the group has been focusing on picketing and protesting very specific and particular issues.

The future needs to bring positive social change and co-operative workings, he added, noting there are plans underway for a city farm or sustainable food project of some sort next year due to the looming food crisis.

The anniversary on Monday will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the march to Churchill Square at 6:30 p.m.

Laing hopes the event can renew the vision and hope for Occupy Edmonton. **HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO**

**Better than ever**

**"We're trying to work out ways of being more sustainable and more effective."**

Occupy Edmonton spokesperson David Laing



Transportation Minister Ric McIver, seen here in a file photo, is standing behind new impaired-driving legislation in Alberta, and isn't surprised that the new measures appear to have had little effect on bar business. **METRO**

# It's business as usual despite DUI law: Experts

**Impaired-driving legislation.** Restaurant industry, taxi brokers report little impact in wake of strengthened penalties for .05 and .08 violations



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New impaired-driving legislation was never intended to harm Alberta's hospitality sector, says the provincial transportation minister, who points to initial feedback from industry representatives as proof that it hasn't.

Ric McIver, along with other proponents of strengthened penalties for .05 and .08

blood-alcohol violations, fielded questions from hospitality representatives during a seminar Thursday as part of the first Alberta Liquor Industry Conference.

In the lead-up to the Sept. 1 implementation of the .05 phase of the law, some opposition party members and Alberta bar owners expressed fears that average drinkers would pass on their typical pint or two at a local establishment over fears of having their licence suspended for an extended period.

But Mark von Schellwitz, the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association's vice-president for Western Canada, said only minor shifts in business have been reported to date.

"I think there's a little less fear. People know what their limits are," he said.

McIver's not surprised by the industry feedback.

"While it's impolite to say 'I told you so,' in this case I am going to say 'I told you so,'" he said to opponents of the law. "People in the hospitality industry pay lots of taxes, they employ lots of Albertans.... Who has a greater stake in the success of the hospitality industry than the Government of Alberta? People accused us of trying to kill it; (that) logically doesn't make any sense."

But the opposition Wilddrose justice critic said his party's always been more concerned that the legislation targets people who are not over the Criminal Code-mandated level of impairment — .08.

"Of course, in Canada we have a very important legal principle: Presumption of innocence," Shayne Saskiw said.

**Challenges ahead**

- The Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association plans to conduct a formal member survey as early as November to gauge further industry feedback on Alberta's new impaired-driving legislation.
- Calgary defence lawyer Ian Savage said a formal legal challenge of the strengthened .05 penalties is likely to be filed this month.

"There are arguments that have been made by certain groups that this takes that away and it's going to force people to plead out rather than have their day in court."

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EPS Staff Sgt. Howard Kunce speaks with reporters Thursday to announce the arrest of a man police believe is responsible for several violent armed robberies. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Man accused of violent robberies nabbed by police

**Forty-three criminal charges.** Police call the level of violence very disturbing

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Edmonton police are relieved to have a suspect in custody following a string of robberies that came with an unusually high level of violence. Beginning on Sept. 29, a disguised lone male entered a North End liquor store with a sawed-off shotgun, firing a round and demanding money, police said.

On Oct. 7, a suspect who was similarly described, committed a string of robberies over just seven hours, targeting two liquor stores, a taxi driver and a man in his 40s who was out for a walk downtown.

The detective working the case said he had rarely seen such a level of violence.

"You have an individual who goes into several commercial establishments and is dealing with compliant victims and uses a shot gun in a manner that causes injury," said Det. Ron Gamble. "The violence didn't just stop after the initial attack; it continued for several minutes."

Staff Sgt. Howard Kunce, head of the EPS robbery section, said this is not something the city often sees.

"It is not something we see on a day-to-day basis; it is not something we see often," he said.

Police caught up with the suspect after the last robbery. When prompted by a call from the last victim, they flooded the downtown area with patrol officers and members of the canine unit, making an arrest early on Oct. 8.

"The break in this case was

## More details

- Nura Dabassa Guyyo, 29, is now facing 43 criminal charges including firearms offences, assault with a firearm, robbery and several breaches.
- All of the robbery victims in this case were offered support from the police victim services unit.
- The unit, which is staffed with both paid and volunteer resources, helps victims connect with counselling resources and guides people through the court process.

the citizen who was walking down the street and got attacked. He notified police right away and we responded with a vast number of resources," said Gamble.

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## Ross Shep. Parents want no-zero policy removed

Members of a parent council at Ross Sheppard High School met Wednesday, and agreed upon asking the new principal to drop the no-zero policy.

Resolutions released Thursday that will be sent to Mike Suderman, who became principal Tuesday after Ron Bradley announced he was leaving to take a job with the district, include teachers being given the flexibility of using their professional discretion in assessment, including assigning zeros.

"It won't work for all students and we're not asking them to apply it in a blanket way," said council chair Sue Huff, who has a son in Grade 12. "(But) we really believe that this belongs in the hands of teachers."

Ross Shep's no-zero policy made headlines last spring when teacher Lynden Dorval was suspended for handing out the grade to students who never completed assignments. Dorval was fired last month.

Other former and current Ross Shep teachers have also spoken out.

There is no word on when Suderman will respond to the council, though Huff said he plans to attend all of their meetings.

The Edmonton Public School Board has also vowed to review assessment as a whole.

"We would like to move past this issue and get back to restoring the reputation of the school and strengthen communication," said Huff.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO



Members of a parent council at Ross Sheppard High School have come up with a set of resolutions for the new principal — including removing the no-zero policy and restoring the school's reputation. METRO FILE

## Finances. Last budget consultation on Saturday

The last stop in the government's provincial tour on the province's finances ends in Edmonton on Saturday.

The government is looking for people to come out to the last of a series of town hall meetings on Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre on Kingsway Avenue.

Finance Minister Doug Horner said the meetings so far have led to some pretty clear directions.

"The consensus pieces we

have heard so far are that health and education are high priorities, and that fiscal prudence is a high priority.

"They want us to make sure we are getting value for the money," he said Thursday.

Horner said people understand the province's fiscal picture. "Albertans are a lot more fiscally astute than people give them credit for. They understand what it means to build for the future because they do this in their homes."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Like many Edmonton moms, Erie Melnychuk wants to support breast milk banks, which can now happen through a depot that opened at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital. METRO FILE

# Got breast milk?

### Feeding babies.

Edmonton hospital opens depot for moms who want to donate

Audrey Inouye pumps her breast milk at home twice each day, setting some aside for tiny, premature babies in hospitals who aren't able to get it from their own mothers.

"It's a few minutes out of my day and it's just a small token — a little bit I can do to nourish babies," the Edmonton woman said Thursday while juggling her 10-month-old son and a cooler bag containing four litres of milk, frozen

### Quoted

"Nobody wants to throw it away. We call it liquid gold."

Gail Cameron, director of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Programs for Covenant Health

zen in small plastic containers.

Inouye is one of a dozen mothers who have so far signed up to donate at a new human milk depot at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital — basically a small storage room with a large freezer.

Staff is waiting until the freezer is full before shipping its contents to the Calgary Mothers' Milk Bank, where the milk will be pasteurized,

tested, and distributed back to the Grey Nuns and other hospitals in Alberta, as well as Ontario.

Gail Cameron, director of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Programs for Covenant Health, said studies show human milk is better than formula at fighting disease and infection. And many moms who pump and store milk at home for healthy babies often

have more than they need.

"Nobody wants to throw it away. We call it liquid gold."

She said the depot has received four donations since it opened on Tuesday. And many more moms have been calling to find out how they can donate, too.

Women must first be screened by the Calgary bank and have their blood tested.

The non-profit bank has approved 70 donors and another 90 are in the process of applying, said executive director Jannette Festival. The majority of mothers are from Alberta, but some live in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and British Columbia.

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## Tainted meat. Producers now face task of luring consumers back to beef

With the XL Foods plant taking its first steps toward re-starting production, the beef industry now faces the challenge of bringing back consumers.

Some operations at the closed plant are resuming now, but meat is still not leaving the facility.

Rich Smith, executive director of the Alberta Beef Producers, said his group plans to continue to remind consumers how narrow the problem was.

"We have tried to get the message out that this is not about beef; it is about a situation at a very specific facility in a very narrow period."

He said even as the recall continued to expand it still centred around five days of processing.

Dr. Ellen Goddard, an agricultural economist at the University of Alberta, said consumers will come back. "Beef is a staple and when people see it back on the shelf they will go back to it."

She said it is important for XL Foods to talk about what happened as part of the process. "They definitely need to say how they feel that the incident happened and they

### Meat recall

- The plant has been closed since Sept. 27 when the Canadian Food Inspection Agency pulled its licence.
- The plant processes about 4,000 cattle per day when operating at its peak.
- The recall of beef products included Canada and 20 other countries. XL Foods hasn't been allowed to ship meat to the U.S., its biggest market, for four weeks.

need to make sure they can explain to people how E. coli appears and what steps they have taken," said Goddard.

Smith agrees and said it is important for both XL Foods and regulators to address what happened and what is being done.

"What we really want is a long period of unblemished food safety," said Smith.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# The writing is on the whiteboard at Stollery



Lindsay Lord, with son, Declan, is a big fan of the whiteboards installed in all the rooms at the Stollery Children's Hospital. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

### Communication.

Initiative provides another form of interaction between families and health professionals



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Three-year-old Declan prefers to have his mom around when his medical procedures are performed.

A note to that effect is scrawled on a whiteboard in his room at the Stollery

### Quoted

"As soon as people come into the room, any of the staff ... automatically their eyes go to the whiteboard."

Lindsay Lord, whose son, Declan, spends time at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Children's Hospital — one of 220 dry-erase whiteboards in kids' hospital rooms aimed at improving communication.

Lindsay Lord, Declan's mom, said the whiteboard is a welcome addition.

Declan was diagnosed with a spinal-cord tumour before his first birthday. Currently in remission, he has a chronic infection that requires regular visits to the Stollery.

"It's a bit of relief," said Lord. "Sometimes you need to run to the bathroom or to go get a cup of coffee." Having the notes on the whiteboard helps in these situations.

"The whiteboard is intended to facilitate communication between families, patients and staff," said Marcel Panas, coordinator of the Stollery Family Centred Care Council.

The council had the boards installed in July in pediatric departments at a few hospitals as part of the \$27,000 project.

Panas has seen many things on them: Names, notes from parents to nurses or doctors, and goals, such as to go home or get a new heart.

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# Community café hangs with student art



U of A fine-arts students, from left, Vanessa Mastronardi, Emmanuel Osahor and Morgan Melenka have hung prints they created for an exhibit at Block 1912 Café. LUCY HAINES/METRO

**Block 1912.** Coffee shop offers up more than cappuccino with display space for artists

LUCY HAINES

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Peter Pepin says he's in the coffee business, but that may not be entirely true.

The owner of Block 1912 Café, a mainstay in Old Strathcona, says he knows coffee and dessert, not galleries and showings. But the family-owned business, with its funky decor and vast walls, is getting attention as a spot to check out the works of emerging artists around town.

"We're in the arts district; we support community involvement," said Pepin.

For the next month, a group

of 10 fine-arts students from the University of Alberta will showcase (and hopefully sell) prints they've created using techniques such as screen printing, woodcut and intaglio.

Third-year student Vanessa Mastronardi said she hopes the exhibit will prompt café patrons to visit one of the many city galleries.

"We have to do what we do because we love it, but it's awesome that places like this

are ready to give us a shot." Emmanuel Osahor said he loves talking about his art with customers in the coffee shop, as it's valuable feedback he takes back to his third-year classes.

And classmate Morgan Melenka looks forward to the meet-the-artist opening reception Sunday night.

"It's an excuse to hang out because of art — we're celebrating it."

## Charity. Bieber fans spawn food and toy drive for sold-out concert

As Bieber-mania sweeps into Rexall Place Monday night, two local charities are hoping for a big surge of donations to roll along with it.

The Edmonton Food Bank and 630 CHED Santa's Anonymous will be collecting food and toys along with cash donations at Monday's concert.

The idea of pairing the army of fans with local charities came from two self-described Belieber moms who wanted to show their kids the importance of giving back.

"We were lucky enough to get tickets to the show, so we were talking about ways we could give back to the community," said one of the moms, Amanda Adams, at a media launch Thursday.

Food bank executive director Marjorie Benz said she was overjoyed when Adams approached her about the event.

"We are thrilled that we can



Food bank executive director Marjorie Benz RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

have and encourage younger people to contribute."

Lana Nordlund with Santa's Anonymous said this is a great start to their busy holiday season. "It really gives us a good kick-start to the campaign."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

### Crime

#### Police find drugs after report of erratic driver

A 911 call to the Curb the Danger program last month led police to seize methamphetamine and other drugs.

Police got a call about an erratic driver on Sept. 18, which reported that a vehicle had just missed a street light and then gotten stuck on the centre median on 166 Street and 109 Avenue.

When police arrived, they found the methamphetamine and a further search of the car revealed more drugs. METRO

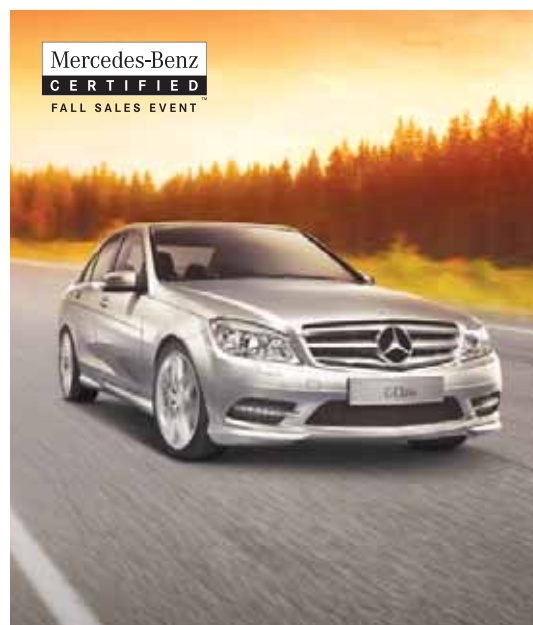
### Traffic

#### Yellowhead to close this weekend

Drivers hoping to use the Yellowhead on the east side of Edmonton this weekend should think again.

Railway repairs will force closures of the road between 142 and 149 streets from 9 p.m. on Saturday until 9 p.m. Sunday.

On the north side, the city is also closing the intersection of 137 Avenue and 170 Street from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday so the intersection can be paved. METRO



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A man walks by a burned-out minibus taxi near the Amplats mine in Rustenburg, South Africa, Thursday. Striking miners killed one man by setting him on fire while another was fatally shot, apparently by police, in rekindled labour unrest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/STR

# Man set on fire, another shot in labour unrest

**South Africa.** Violence has escalated at platinum mine since 12,000 striking workers were fired last week

Striking miners killed one man by setting him on fire Thursday while another was fatally shot, apparently by police, in rekindled labour unrest in South Africa that saw police firing tear gas and rubber bullets.

The violence near an Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) mine has escalated since the company dismissed 12,000 striking miners on Friday. Dozens have been killed in violence in

other strikes in South Africa since August.

One person died Thursday in a hospital after being hit by two rubber bullets likely fired by police trying to disperse striking miners, said Gaddafi Mdoda, a leader of the striking Amplats mineworkers. Another person died from wounds after being set alight by striking workers, North West police spokesman Brig. Thulani Ngubane said.

"The situation remains tense," Ngubane said.

Police Capt. Dennis Adriaio said 40 people have been arrested in violence at the Nkaneng informal settlement near Rustenburg.

The mineworkers have vowed to make the mines

ungovernable and to make it impossible for the world's top platinum producer to hire new workers if their wage demands are not met. Evans Ramokga, a strike leader, said last week that the company would hire new workers only "over our dead bodies."

Police apparently were responding to the miners' attempt to stop operations at Amplats' Bathopele mine on Thursday, according to the South African Press Association, which reported that two taxis were set on fire. Amplats' operations in the platinum belt northwest of Johannesburg have been brought to standstill since most of its workers went on strike last month. Amplats calls the

#### Wildcat strike

South Africa has been under the grip of labour unrest since August, when platinum miners in Marikana staged a wildcat strike demanding higher pay.

- Police shot and killed 34 striking miners and wounded scores more. That strike ended with a hefty pay raise for the workers and inspired copy-cat strikes that have since spread to gold and iron ore mines as well as the trucking industry.

strike illegal.  
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## Forcible shaving of suspect questioned



Nidal Hasan THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Army appeals court in Virginia is questioning whether the Fort Hood shooting suspect can be forcibly shaved.

Judges on the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals also delved Thursday into a claim by Maj. Nidal Hasan's lawyers that the judge who issued the order is biased and should be replaced.

Hasan's murder trial in Texas is on hold for the ap-

peal stemming from his refusal to shave. The American-born Muslim psychiatrist says he grew the beard for religious reasons. Army rules prohibit beards but allow for religious exceptions.

Military judge Col. Gregory Gross has rejected Hasan's religious arguments. He ordered him forcibly shaved unless he shaves himself.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted in the 2009 attack that killed 13 people at the Texas Army post.

Hasan would not be the first military defendant forcibly shaved. The Army has done it to five inmates since 2005, including one person who was forcibly shaved twice, according to the Army's Office of the Chief of Staff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Toews says naval spy scandal hasn't hurt Canada's reputation

## Working with allies.

The ease with which Delisle passed secrets to the Russians has prompted a review of security measures

The federal public safety minister says Canada remains tight with its intelligence allies despite a naval spy scandal that is said to have done "irreparable damage" to the country's interests.

Vic Toews said Thursday he doesn't believe Canada's reputation with its closest collaborators has been hurt at all by navy Sub-Lt. Jeffery Paul Delisle's actions. Toews noted he continues to work closely with Janet Napolitano, the U.S. Homeland Security secretary, and Eric Holder, the U.S. attorney general.

"They have never expressed anything other than a commitment to working with us in the future," Toews said

## Quoted

**"Delisle's unauthorized disclosure to the Russians since 2007 has caused severe and irreparable damage to Canadian interests"**

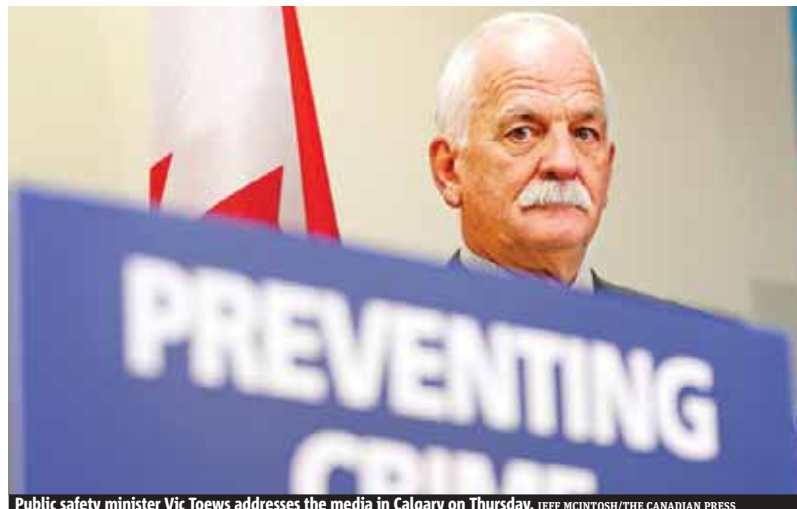
Vic Toews, public safety minister.

at a Calgary news conference. "This has certainly not in any way hampered our very robust exchange of information."

Delisle, a 41-year-old intelligence officer with the Royal Canadian Navy, pleaded guilty Wednesday to passing military secrets to Russia. He transferred sensitive information onto a thumb drive from a secure location before passing it to a Russian operative.

How that could happen so easily at a highly protected facility has prompted a review of security measures that were in place at the time, Toews said.

"That's something I believe that the Department of



Public safety minister Vic Toews addresses the media in Calgary on Thursday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

National Defence is doing. We are very aware of the case and together with our allies are reviewing the procedures that were in place to protect the security of that information," said Toews.

"Given the extensive sharing of information that occurs between the Five Eyes community — Great Britain, Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Australia — our agencies are always concerned

when there is any compromise of security and we work very closely together."

Toews wouldn't get into the specifics and would not comment on Delisle's guilty plea. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## American urging

## Preventing further leaks to China

Vic Toews said the government is also aware that the head of the U.S. Intelligence Committee is urging Canadian companies not to do business with the Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei as a matter of national security.

A U.S. report earlier this week urged companies to avoid doing business with Huawei and ZTE and said regulators should prevent them from buying U.S. companies. It also said government computer systems should not include components from them because they might pose an espionage risk.

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# Judges speak out on Pussy Riot decision

## Member released.

Panel tries to deflect international criticism by defending prison time for two others

The Russian judges who ruled to keep two of the three Pussy Riot band members behind bars took the unusual step of publicly defending their decision, saying Thursday that it was made independently and without pressure.

A panel of three judges at the Moscow City Court on Wednesday upheld a lower court ruling to send Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alekhina to prison for two years, but they released Yekaterina Samutsevich after giving her a suspended sentence.

Pussy Riot staged an impromptu performance at Moscow's main cathedral in February in protest against President Vladimir Putin and the Russian Orthodox Church hierarchy for openly supporting his rule. The three women were convicted of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred, but they insist that their protest was political in nature and not an attack on religion.



Judge Larisa Polyakova speaks with the media in Moscow Thursday. SERGEY PONOMAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The case has caused controversy in Russia and been widely condemned in the West, which may have prompted the judges to speak out.

The presiding judge said the appeals court deemed it necessary for Tolokonnikova and Alekhina to remain incarcerated.

"The court has considered all the circumstances of the case and the level of danger to society and ruled that their correction is possible only in isolation from society," judge Larisa Polyakova said.

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## At a glance

A brief look at the three Pussy Riot members involved in the decision:

- **Nadezhda Tolokonnikova**, 22, is a philosophy student at Moscow State University, and a member of Voyna, a performance art group. Her husband, Pyotr Verzilov, is a dual Russian-Canadian citizen and she is eligible for residency in Canada. She has a four-year-old daughter.
- **Yekaterina Samutsevich**, 30, is a computer programmer who helped develop a nuclear attack submarine for Russia's navy. She was arrested in 2010 for releasing cockroaches in a Moscow courthouse.
- **Maria Alyokhina**, 24, is a student at the Institute of Journalism and Creative Writing in Moscow who also volunteers at Moscow's Children's Psychiatric Hospital. She has a five-year-old son.

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## Trans win. No surgery needed to change gender on birth docs

Ontario has become the first jurisdiction in Canada to allow transgender people to change the gender on their birth certificates without sex-change surgery.

"It's a huge decision. It's a remarkably positive decision. This is an important victory," Susan Gapka, chair of the Trans Lobby Group, told the Torstar News Service on Thursday.

The new rules, published this week, mean a transgender person can apply to ServiceOntario for a new birth certificate with only a letter from a physician or psychologist.

Previously, the Vital Statistics Act required proof of "transsexual surgery."

Ontario was acting on a ruling in April from the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

The commission acted on a complaint brought by a transgender woman known as XY who argued she was exposed to discrimination and violence because the gender she lived with didn't match her documents.

The old rule "perpetuates stereotypes about transgendered persons and their need to have surgery in order to live with their gender identity," Sheri Price wrote in a 95-page decision for the commission.

In back-and-forth negotiations leading to the change, the human-rights commission and Trans Lobby Group persuaded the ministry not to limit the corroboration to just a physician.

"Not everyone has access to a physician. A lot of places in rural Ontario don't," said Gapka, explaining their rationale. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### Lobbyist

"This provides a chance for other provinces to do the same."

Susan Gapka, chair of the Trans Lobby Group

### Car-crash victim

## Ambulance wait results in probe

A two-and-a-half-hour wait for a Winnipeg car-crash victim to get an ambulance ride to a hospital is under investigation by city officials. A woman was hurt when the car she was driving smashed into a restaurant. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Special constables search reporters and members of the public as they arrive at the Montreal courthouse Thursday prior to Richard Henry Bain's appearance in court. Bain has been charged with the fatal shooting of Denis Blanchette outside the Metropolis in Montreal on Sept. 4 during the Parti Québécois election-night rally. **GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Accused gunman appears in court with fresh wounds

**PQ rally shooting.**  
'The guard pushed me,'  
Bain said to his lawyer  
from defendant's box

The accused gunman from the Parti Québécois election-night rally showed up in court Thursday with a pair of bloody wounds on his head.

Richard Henry Bain stepped into a Montreal courtroom with a pair of fresh scrapes atop his bald scalp — one as big as a loonie, the other the size of a nickel.

"The guard pushed me," Bain told his lawyer from the defendant's box, loud enough for the courtroom to hear.

### Defence

**"(Bain) has two wounds on his head — he was bleeding."**

Defence attorney Elfriede Duclervil, who said she would launch an investigation into what caused her client's injuries

After the brief appearance, defence attorney Elfriede Duclervil said she would request an investigation into the injuries and seek additional precautions for her client.

"My client is visibly injured," Duclervil said. "He has two wounds on his head — he was bleeding."

Bain's legal-aid attorney told reporters Thursday that

an unauthorized phone interview he gave to a Montreal radio station from his detention centre would be used as evidence.

His next court date was set for Dec. 7.

The fishing-lodge owner faces 16 charges, including first-degree murder, three counts of attempted murder, arson and a number of weapons charges stemming from the Sept. 4 incident where two people were shot and one was killed.

Loved ones of shooting victim Denis Blanchette sat in the front rows of the courtroom, a few metres from Bain. They did not say a word during the proceedings.

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# Conservatives overspent on ads by more than 37%

A spokesman for federal Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose says the Harper government is being transparent with its advertising expenses because cabinet approvals of advertising budgets are posted quarterly.

But an examination of the Conservative government's first five years shows it overspent those cabinet-approved ad budgets by \$128 million — more than 37 per cent.

The Conservatives are com-

### Ad money

**\$83.3M**

In the last full year for which final accounting is available, the Harper cabinet posted advertising approvals for \$65.4 million in spending, but in fact ran up a bill of \$83.3 million.

ing under fire for their current, gauzy "economic action plan" media blitz — part of a \$16-million campaign that is

saturation Canadian airwaves this autumn.

Treasury Board documents show that even in a time of across-the-board budget cuts, the Conservative cabinet has approved more than \$64 million in ad spending this year.

That's up from just under \$53 million approved for the 2011-12 fiscal year, although the actual dollars spent won't be available until a future date.

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## Children caught in Syrian fighting

A Free Syrian Army fighter comforts a child wounded by Syrian army artillery shelling, at Dar El Shifa hospital in Aleppo, Syria, Wednesday. Regime troops and rebel fighters exchanged fire for several hours around the 13th-century Umayyad Mosque in Syria's largest city, local activist Mohammed Saeed said. He said rebels were trying to drive out regime troops holed up in the downtown place of worship. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Plane was carrying ammunition to Syria: Turkey's PM

**Tough stand.** Engineer on board Syrian plane said armed Turkish officials handcuffed the crew before inspecting packages

A plane intercepted by Turkish fighter jets on its way from Moscow to Damascus was carrying equipment and ammunition destined for the Syrian Defence Ministry, Turkey's prime minister said Thursday.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's comments follow a fierce denial by Syria that anything illegal had been aboard the Airbus A320 that was forced by Turkey to land in Ankara late Wednesday. Syria, whose relations with neighbouring Turkey have plummeted over the Syrian war, branded it an act of piracy.

Earlier in the day, Turkish officials had rejected claims by Syria's ally, Russia, that Turkey had endangered the lives of Russian citizens on board the aircraft.

Yeni Safak, a newspaper close to the Turkish government, reported Thursday there were 10 containers aboard the plane, whose contents included radio receivers, antennas and equipment "thought to be missile parts."

Turkish state-run television TRT also reported the



A Syrian Air Airbus A320 passenger plane sits on the runway at Esenboga airport in Ankara, Turkey, early Thursday, after it was forced to land by Turkish jets on suspicion that it may be carrying weapons. BURHAN OZBILICI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Cargo seized

"These were equipment and ammunitions that were being sent from a Russian agency ... to the Syrian Defence Ministry."

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's prime minister.

plane was carrying military communications equipment. Neither TRT nor the newspaper cited sources for their claims. The plane was allowed to continue to Damascus after several hours, without the cargo.

Erdogan refused to say how — or from whom — Turkey had learned that the twice-weekly scheduled flight would be used to transport military gear to Syria.

Turkey has called for Syr-

ian President Bashar Assad to step down and Damascus accusing Turkey of supporting the rebels. The two neighbours have traded artillery fire over Syria's northern border throughout the past week.

Hours before the Turkish statement, Russian Ambassador Vladimir Ivanovsky had held talks with Turkish officials at the Foreign Ministry.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich had said earlier Thursday that Moscow was concerned that lives and safety of the 35 passengers, including 17 Russian citizens, had been endangered.

He said Turkey without explanation denied Russian consular officials and a doctor access to the passengers, who had not been allowed into the airport for eight hours or provided with food.

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## Terror cell. Islamists planned to send jihadists to Syria, prosecutor says

A network of French Islamists behind a grenade attack on a kosher market also planned to join jihadists fighting in Syria, a state prosecutor said Thursday, calling the suspected terrorist group potentially the most dangerous established in France since the 1990s.

Five of the 12 people arrested in sweeps in cities around France have been freed, said the prosecutor, Francois Molins. He said seven people remain in custody a day after police discovered bomb-making materials in an underground parking lot

as part of a probe of an "extremely dangerous terrorist cell." The seven, aged 19 to 25 years old, were all born in France, he said.

The Sept. 19 attack on the market in Sarcelles, outside Paris, shattered windows and injured a customer at the store. It has revived French concerns that home-grown Islamic militants want to link with international jihad and carry out terrorism in France — this time, notably, against Jewish targets.

"The intent was to kill," Molins said.

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### Terror network

The case involves two components: The kosher grocery attack, and the recruitment network.

of the cell had recently spent three months each in Tunisia and Egypt.

- Two suspects "had the mission of recruiting and sending individuals to carry out jihad in some countries — notably Syria," prosecutor Francois Molins said. Two members

- Police investigators turned up five wills that had "religious recommendations" such as, 'the day that I won't be here ... give my iPod to my sister,' and such-and-such item 'to my brother-in-law.'

### Weapons to Syria

## Not through Iraqi territory, PM says

Iraq's prime minister says his country is doing all it can to prevent anyone from supplying weapons to Syria through Iraqi territory.

Iraq last month kept a North Korean plane from entering its airspace on suspicion it had weapons for Syria. But U.S. officials have previously accused Baghdad of letting Iran — another ally of Syria — fly weapons to Syrian forces through Iraqi airspace.

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### Consulate attack

## New U.S. envoy arrives in Libya

The new top U.S. diplomat for Libya has arrived in the country to assume temporary control of the embassy in Tripoli after last month's deadly attack on the consulate in Benghazi that killed the ambassador and three other Americans. Laurence Pope is an Arabic-speaking 31-year veteran of the foreign service who retired in 2000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Amanda Todd, a former member of the Vancouver All Stars cheerleaders squad, is shown here in a still from the YouTube video in which she described being bullied. SCREENGRAB/YOUTUBE.COM

## Suicide sparks online outcry

**YouTube plea.**  
Bullied B.C. teen posted video in September describing traumatic incidents



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Metro in Vancouver

A Coquitlam, B.C., teen who appears to have been severely bullied at school is being mourned across various social-media networks after taking her own life.

The hashtag #RIPAminda is spreading through the Twittersverse and condolences and tributes for Amanda Todd, 15, poured

**Enough is enough**

**"No one deserves to be bullied. No one earns it. No one asks for it. It isn't a rite of passage. Bullying has to stop."**

B.C. Premier Christy Clark

into a Facebook memorial page.

Todd posted a YouTube video in September that showed her flipping through handwritten notes, explaining how she was forced to move schools several times because of bullying.

She revealed how the continuous torment sent her

spiralling into anxiety and depression and pushed her to abuse drugs and alcohol.

In the video, she also revealed how naked pictures of her were posted online, and told of another incident where she was punched several times while a group of teens looked on. The video has since been removed from YouTube.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark, who helped start a pink-shirt day against bullying when she was a radio talk-show host, released her own video after hearing Todd's story.

"No one deserves to be bullied," she said. "No one earns it. No one asks for it. It isn't a rite of passage. Bullying has to stop."

**Study**

### Breast-cancer treatments vary in Canada: Report

A new report shows there are substantial variations across the country in mastectomy and lumpectomy rates to treat breast cancer.

This year, about 22,000 women will have a mastectomy or a lumpectomy followed by radiation. Both treatments are equally effective in promoting survival.

But the joint report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer shows the rates for the two treatments vary widely from one province to another.

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## 'Black Widow.' Warrant challenges claims made regarding dead husband

A warrant used by police to arrest and search the home of a woman dubbed the "Black Widow" challenges several claims she made about the health and family links of her husband.

Melissa Ann Weeks, 77, was charged with attempted murder and administering a noxious thing after her husband Fred Weeks fell ill on Sept. 29 at a bed and breakfast in North Sydney, N.S., and was taken to hospital.

In the warrant filed in provincial court in Sydney, a constable with the Cape Breton Regional Police Services says officers were told by witnesses that Weeks said her husband has no children, has several med-

ical conditions and had just gotten off a ferry from Newfoundland.

Based on police interviews with hospital staff, the document says Weeks was taken to hospital in a "weak and confused state" and had no clothing on.

It alleges that hospital officials also told Fred Weeks' son that Melissa Weeks said her husband had no children.

The warrant says Fred Weeks, 75, has a son and a daughter.

Melissa Weeks is scheduled to appear in court on Friday in Sydney for a bail hearing.

The Crown has said it will oppose her release.

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# Qur'an-burning pastor denied entry into Canada

**Turned back at the border.** Anti-Muslim American was slated to debate at a free-speech rally

An anti-Muslim American pastor who earned an international reputation after burning copies of the Islamic holy text has been denied entry into Canada hours before he was to speak at a free-speech rally in Toronto, organizers said Thursday.

Allan Einstoss said Terry Jones was turned back at the Michigan-Ontario border after being held there for several hours.

Einstoss decried the decision to keep Jones from attending a multi-faith debate on freedom of speech, which was slated to take place in front of the Ontario legislature on Thursday evening.

He poured scorn on the official reason for the denial, saying it defied logic.

"In terms of checking for

## Quoted

**"That's the government's choice, that's what they wanted. We could have had a nice civil evening, but that's their decision."**

Allan Einstoss, an organizer of a free-speech rally, on American pastor Terry Jones being denied entry into Canada.

criminal records, I would make the assumption that's what they do on a daily basis," Einstoss said in a telephone interview.

Jones issued a statement Thursday night expressing "shock" at being refused entry. "We consider this to be a grievous blow to freedom of speech. We hope that this is a lesson for the Canadians and the Americans for us to stand up, unite together, and protect our freedom of speech," the statement said.

According to Jones's statement, the rental car he was

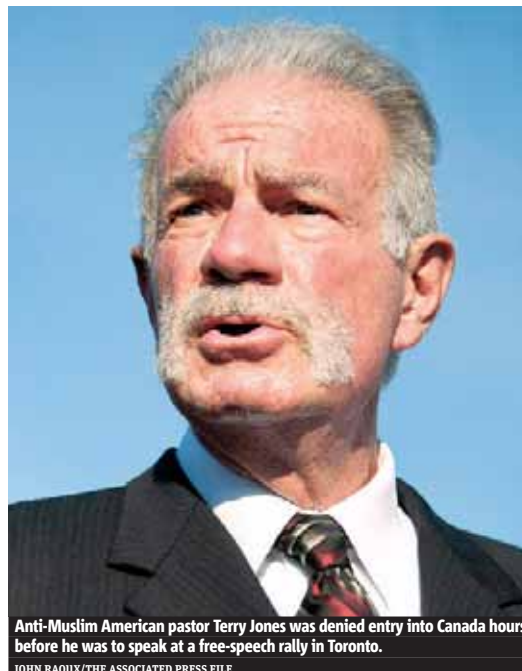
travelling in was thoroughly searched and protest placards were confiscated.

The statement said Jones and a travelling companion were refused entry based on an arrest in Michigan last year for refusing to pay a peace bond as well as a fine by the German government for using the title "doctor" based on an honorary doctorate he received from a California university in 1993. Jones said he appealed both disputes and won but the statement indicated that border officials told him they needed more documentation in order to allow him to enter.

The Canada Border Services Agency declined to discuss Jones's case, saying it was against their policy to share details of any individual efforts to enter the country.

"Admissibility of all travellers seeking to enter Canada is considered on a case-by-case basis based on the specific facts presented by the applicant at the time of entry," the agency said in a statement.

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Anti-Muslim American pastor Terry Jones was denied entry into Canada hours before he was to speak at a free-speech rally in Toronto.

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## The response

### Event was to go on without Jones

Terry Jones was scheduled to be the primary attraction at a multifaith debate on the film "Innocence of Muslims," whose negative portrayal of the Islamic prophet Mohammad has incited violent riots around the world. One skirmish claimed the life of the U.S. ambassador to Libya, along with three members of his staff.

Jones was slated to square off against Toronto imam Steve Rockwell, U.S.-based Muslim author Masud Ansari, and Sikh community leader Bikram Lamba. The event was also to feature a memorial to Cpl. Christopher Speer, a U.S. medic killed in Afghanistan by Canadian war criminal Omar Khadr.

Einstoss said the event was to go ahead as planned, but lamented Jones' absence from the proceedings. Interference from border officials, he said, has quashed an opportunity for a meaningful dialog on free speech.

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Rick Rypien's memorial at Rogers Arena was vandalized Wednesday night. KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

## Bieber fans deface memorial

Some Justin Bieber fans defaced the memorial wall at Vancouver's Rogers Arena Wednesday night where Canucks fans have been paying tribute to Rick Rypien since his suicide just over a year ago.

One Rypien fan was up early the next morning to try to scrub the messages off with nail polish, but the messages to "J.B." were stubborn and by mid-morning the bottle was abandoned there, nearly full.

Fans of the late hockey forward, who suffered from

clinical depression, took to Twitter to denounce the acts of vandalism.

"Oh man I don't like to call people stupid but how do you write about a Justin Bieber concert on Rick Rypien's memorial? Insanity," wrote Wyatt Arndt.

One Bieber fan apparently signed her name on the wall, and after a photo of the signature circulated online someone sent the girl a tweet telling her to jump off a bridge.

Another Twitter user, Alexandra Ransford, was hit by a backlash for calling the

Bieber fan who signed the wall a b\*\*\*\*.

"So after being depressed for 5 years I'm being bullied for being upset about a suicide victims memorial being written on. How pleasant :)" Ransford wrote.

Alexandra, 18, was too upset Thursday to do an interview, but her mother, Ellen Ransford, said she had been crying all morning about the defacement and being accused of "fuelling the fire" by Twitter users who assumed the vandals to be underage.

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## Prison baby. Outcry follows jail-cell birth

The Elizabeth Fry Society is calling for a public inquiry into health-care services provided to inmates after a woman gave birth in an Ottawa jail cell without the help of a doctor.

The group's director, Bryonie Baxter, says a systemic review of the prison system is needed to begin changing a culture that sees inmates treated as less than human.

Julie Bilotta, a 26-year-old woman from Cornwall, Ont., gave birth to a boy Sept. 29 on the floor of a cell at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre.

Baxter says Bilotta's screams for help while she was going into labour were

### Pregnant inmates

Madeleine Meilleur, Ontario's minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, says the incident is being investigated

- The minister adds that pregnant inmates should expect to receive the same level of care as women in the general population.

ignored for hours and paramedics were only called after a baby's foot was seen coming out of the woman in a breech birth.

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### Toddler served whisky

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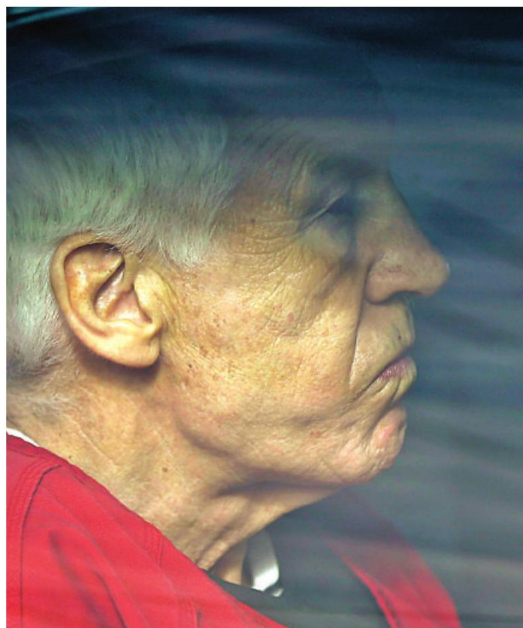
A restaurant chain has apologized for accidentally serving alcohol to a toddler in Wales, calling it a case of human error.

The BBC reported that two-year-old Sonny Rees was taken to a hospital emer-

gency room after drinking whisky at his second birthday party at a Frankie and Benny's restaurant in Swansea.

His mother said he was clearly intoxicated. She said she tasted his drink after noticing that he was making a funny face. At the hospital, the staff monitored his vital signs and later gave him the all-clear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sandusky's wife claimed their son was off his meds



Former Penn State University assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is driven from the Centre County Courthouse after being sentenced in Bellefonte, Pa., Tuesday. Sandusky was ordered to serve at least 30 years in prison, effectively a life sentence, in the child sexual abuse scandal that brought shame to Penn State and led to coach Joe Paterno's downfall. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Convicted pedophile.

Former football coach's son was expected to testify for the defence until he told investigators he was molested by his father

Jerry and Dottie Sandusky wrote defiant letters to his judge before sentencing, attacking the motives of his victims, expressing a loss of faith in the judicial system and insisting he isn't a child molester.

### Son's lawyer

"Matt is extremely disappointed that they have decided to attack him in what amounts to an effort to divert attention away from Jerry's heinous crimes."

Matt Sandusky's civil lawyer Joel Feller, who also represents at least five other victims or potential claimants.

The letters were released Thursday by Judge John Cleland, two days after he sentenced the former Penn State assistant coach to at least 30 years in prison for 45 counts of child sexual abuse.

Dottie Sandusky wrote July 9 that she never saw her husband do anything inappropriate to any child, a statement that echoed her trial testimony.

She was deeply critical of her son, Matt, who had been expected to be a defence witness until the trial, when he claimed to investigators he also had been abused by Jerry Sandusky.

Matt Sandusky has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, "but he refuses to take his medication," she wrote. "He has had many run-ins with the law and stolen money and items from our family."

Matt Sandusky's civil lawyer Joel Feller, who also represents at least five other victims, said the letters were part of a failed strategy to blame others for Jerry Sandusky's crimes.

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## Hong Kong. Woman dies after blood-transfusion beauty treatment

Hong Kong authorities said one woman has died and three others have been hospitalized after a beauty treatment involving blood transfusions.

Hong Kong's Hospital Authority said a 46-year-old woman died Wednesday of septic shock after receiving the treatment at a beauty clinic. The treatment is being tested as a method to fight cancer, but in this case it was used for cosmetic purposes.

The case has raised concerns about potentially risky medical treatments at the city's numerous clinics offering procedures that claim to enhance a person's appearance.

Health Secretary Ko Wing-man promised Thursday to review regulations governing the clinics and other private medical facilities. Ko said the review would look at putting private clinics that carry out "high risk medical treatments or procedures under regulatory control."

Health authorities are investigating whether a registered doctor carried out the treatment and whether the procedure was certified by Hong Kong's Medical Council.

### The procedure

- **Injection.** The procedure, known as DC-CIK, involves the "concentration and processing" of blood by a lab before it is re-injected into the person it was drawn from, the government said.

The four also tested positive for a rare superbug called mycobacterium abscessus, which is extremely resistant to antibiotics.

The three women in hospital are a 64-year-old in critical condition, a 56-year-old in serious condition and a 59-year-old in stable condition.

They were among 44 people who underwent the treatment at the DR Beauty chain of clinics. The treatment costs at least \$6,320, according to local news reports.

Police and health officials are investigating how the blood was contaminated and the relationship between the beauty clinic, the treatment lab and the medical practitioner who carried out the procedure. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Cops go Gangnam Style

Police officers dance to South Korean rapper PSY's Gangnam Style dance on Thursday in the grandstand ahead of practice for the Korean Formula One Grand Prix in Yeongam, South Korea.

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## Gruesome. Mom who glued daughter's hands to wall faces sentencing

A Dallas mother who admitted to beating her two-year-old daughter and gluing the child's hands to a wall faces anything from probation to a life in prison.

Elizabeth Escalona's sentencing hearing continued Thursday, a day after she pleaded for leniency, saying she was no longer the "monster" who committed the attack.

"I will never forgive myself for what I did to my own daughter," said Escalona, who pleaded guilty in July to felony injury to a child.

Police say Escalona lost her temper last year with Jocelyn Cedillo over potty training problems. Escalona beat and

kicked Jocelyn before sticking her hands to an apartment wall using an adhesive commonly known as Super Glue. The child was hospitalized for days.

Judge Larry Mitchell has a wide range in choosing Escalona's sentence: Anything from probation to life in prison is possible. Prosecutors are asking for a 45-year sentence.

Defence attorney Angie N'Duka asked Escalona what she thought of photos that prosecutors presented earlier this week showing her daughter's injuries.

"Only a monster does that," Escalona responded.

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### Dozens displaced

## Squirrel-cooking causes fire: Officials

Authorities say a blaze that displaced dozens of people from a Michigan apartment complex may have been sparked by a resident trying to cook a squirrel with a propane torch. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Europe

## Man gets prison for bomb hoax

A London man who mailed a gift-wrapped fake bomb to Turkey in a bid to disrupt his sister's wedding was sentenced Thursday to four years in prison. The parcel contained a teddy bear and a watch. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Panda mom not responsible for her cub's death

## Return to normal.

After four weeks of grieving, Mei Xiang has left her den and is spending time outside

U.S. National Zoo scientists have determined a six-day-old giant panda cub's death last month wasn't momma bear's fault, and life was returning to normal Thursday for giant panda Mei Xiang.

The panda mom has stopped cradling a toy and left her den to spend more time in her yard. On Thursday morning, she strolled outside, found a frozen, fruity frozen ice bar and turned her back to a gathering crowd to enjoy breakfast.

Mei Xiang's cub, born Sept. 16, died of liver trouble and signs of lung disease,



Mei Xiang rests at the U.S. National Zoo in Washington Thursday. Her cub died last month of liver failure. JACQUELYN MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

said chief veterinarian Suzan Murray. After a full necropsy, scientists found the tiny female cub's lungs hadn't fully developed and likely weren't sending enough oxygen to the liver. The cub was possibly born prematurely.

Zoo scientists are trying to learn more about how common liver and lung defects

are in newborn pandas.

Zookeepers have said Mei Xiang took careful care of the cub. It weighed only about four ounces when it died. The tiny hairless, helpless creatures can be easily crushed, but the cub had no sign of injury. A small amount of milk in the digestive system suggested she had nursed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# N.Y.C. rabbis clash with health officials over circumcision legislation

**Challenging tradition.** The ritual of sucking blood from the wound is still practised widely among the city's ultra-Orthodox Jews

A group of rabbis is clashing with New York City health officials over the safety of an ancient circumcision ritual.

Three rabbis and three Jewish groups asked a federal court Thursday to block enforcement of a new regulation requiring written parental consent for a rite called "metztzah b'peh," in Hebrew, which city health experts said can spread infection and has killed two children since 2004.

During the ritual, the person performing the circumcision attempts to cleanse the wound by sucking blood from the cut and spitting it aside.

The saliva contact puts the infant at increased risk of get-



ting herpes simplex, a virus that is carried harmlessly by a large majority of adults but that can be deadly in newborns.

New York City's Health Department said it has documented 11 cases of the infection since 2000 among children believed to have undergone the ritual. Ten required hospitalization. Two developed brain damage. Two died.

The deaths prompted some doctors to call for the practice to be banned entirely, but the city's Board of Health adopted a compromise approach instead last month. Under the new rule, mohelim performing the circumcision would be required to inform parents that the city believed the procedure was dangerous and have them sign a consent form. No

one would collect the forms, and the mohelim would be required to keep them for a year.

In their lawsuit filed Thursday, rabbis Samuel Blum, Ahron Leiman and Shloime Eichenstein said the city had exaggerated the potential for harm and infringed on their religious freedom.

If the regulation were to take effect, rabbis "will be forced to serve as the department's mouthpiece for dispensing opinion and 'advice' that directly undermines the required religious ritual that these mohelim regularly perform, in violation of their rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religious exercise," the suit said.

The lawsuit, joined by the Central Rabbinical Congress of the USA and Canada, Agudath Israel of America and the International Bris Association, also argued that the city's safety studies were flawed and that the procedure, when performed properly, was "very safe." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Northern Ireland. Protests expected at opening of first abortion clinic

A family-planning charity plans to open the first abortion clinic in Ireland, challenging decades of legal confusion over the extremely limited access to pregnancy terminations in both parts of the island.

Officials at the Marie Stopes facility due to open next week in Belfast, capital of the British territory of Northern Ireland, said Thursday they plan to offer non-surgical abortions to women whose pregnancies are less than nine weeks in gestation. They expect protests and have declined to reveal the

clinic's street address.

Women will receive medication that causes a miscarriage only if doctors determine that continued pregnancy would jeopardize the woman's physical or mental health.

Abortions under such circumstances are supposed to be legal already in both parts of Ireland. But lawmakers have failed for decades to clarify the situation, leaving hospitals and doctors fearful of suffering pickets or lawsuits if they're publicly identified as an abortion provider. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Trees get the blues, too

Volunteer Kerri Olson rakes leaves while helping with the coating of a group of Sycamore trees dyed blue as part of a living-art display in Sacramento, Calif., Thursday. The Blue Trees is an art project by Australian artist Konstantin Dimopoulos.

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### Africa

#### Harper commits \$20M in aid

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has committed \$20 million in Canadian aid to help famine-stricken residents in Africa's Sahel belt. Harper's announcement came as he visited a UN centre in the Senegalese capital Dakar on Thursday. The \$20 million covers a period of three years and is aimed at improving food distribution and farmland rehabilitation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Florida

#### Used enemas sold: Prosecutors

Prosecutors say a Florida man resold and returned used enemas to pharmacies who resold them to unsuspecting customers. Thirty-four-year-old Ronald Eugene Robinson faces federal charges of tampering with consumer products. If convicted, Robinson faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 US fine. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Quebec cop sidelined after violent exchange

**Profanity-laced arrest.** Officer 'No. 728' caught in video controversy for the second time this year

A Montreal police constable has been suspended after becoming involved, for a second time, in an aggressive exchange captured on video.

The officer, known as No. 728, in reference to her badge

number, has been suspended pending a disciplinary investigation, police chief Marc Parent said on Thursday.

Const. Stefanie Trudeau first made local news earlier this year when video surfaced of her vigorously pepper-spraying a crowd of student protesters who appeared to pose no threat.

This week, new video surfaced of a forceful, profanity-laced arrest during a dispute that started with a man drink-

ing a beer outdoors. She was also recorded making derogatory comments about artists, among other people.

Parent apologized Thursday on behalf of the force. "These comments are completely unacceptable, intolerable and do not reflect our values," he said.

Trudeau was initially relegated to desk duty after video of the Oct. 2 incident was broadcast by Radio-Canada. It shows a man complaining that

the arrest of his friend is unnecessary. Within seconds, he is put in a headlock, dragged down a flight of stairs while in a chokehold and handcuffed.

One of the cellphones confiscated by the officer then records her subsequent conversation with a superior, apparently without her knowledge. The recording captures references to "rats" who are "guitar-plucking" artists and who wear red squares, the symbol of Quebec's student-

protest movement. There is also talk about choking a suspect, along with a string of unprintable epithets.

Trudeau is already facing an ethics investigation over the pepper-spray incident during Quebec's springtime protests.

A demonstration against Trudeau is being planned for Friday night in Montreal, where participants will call for her permanent dismissal.

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Police Chief Marc Parent apologizes on Thursday in Montreal for the actions of Const. Stefanie Trudeau.

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A sheep has a little accident on Thursday as it's escorted by a model along Oxford Street in London. Four models and their woolly companions came out in support of Wool Week, which encourages people to donate unwanted woollen items to be reused, recycled or resold through Marks and Spencer and Oxfam shops.

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### Search for best sheep

## Ewe win some, ewe lose some

In a nation where sheep are given names and kept indoors as pets, the most popular TV show in Senegal is Khar Bii, or literally, This Sheep, in the local tongue.

The American Idol-style reality show, in its fourth season, is a nationwide search for Senegal's most perfect specimen.

"The Senegalese are really into their sheep," says Fadilou Keita, 28, a contestant who lives with six of them in his Dakar home. The finalists face off this month for a chance to win 2,000,000 francs (\$4,000) and the extra prestige to their breeding credentials.

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### More sheep news

## Dolly-cloning biologist dies

Keith Campbell, a British biologist who worked on cloning Dolly the sheep, has died at 58.

Campbell began researching animal cloning at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh in 1991. The experiments led to the birth in 1996 of Dolly, the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell.

After the birth of Dolly, Campbell oversaw the successful cloning of pigs, lambs and other animals. In 1999, he joined Nottingham University as professor of animal development, where he continued research into the cloning process.

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# U.S. takes unprecedented action against ultra-violent street gang

**MS-13.** Gang allied with Mexican drug cartels, active in Central America and expanding to Europe

The Obama administration declared the ultra-violent street gang MS-13 to be an international criminal group on Thursday, an unprecedented crackdown targeting the finances of the sprawling U.S. and Central American gang infamous for hacking and stabbing victims with machetes.

The Treasury Department

formally designated MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha, a transnational criminal organization. The aim is to freeze it out of the U.S. financial system and seize what are estimated to be millions of dollars in criminal profits from drug and human smuggling and other crimes committed in this country.

The gang was founded by immigrants fleeing El Salvador's civil war more than two decades ago. Its founders took lessons learned from that brutal conflict to the streets of Los Angeles and built a reputation as one of the most ruthless and sophisticated street gangs, according to Immigration and

## Rivals shocked

**"(Authorities and rival gangs) saw a level of violence that hadn't been seen before."**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Jason Shatarsky, pointing out that as the gang expanded it became more sophisticated than many rivals.

Customs Enforcement Special Agent Jason Shatarsky.

With as many as 10,000 members in 46 states, the gang has expanded far beyond its initial roots. Members are accused of major crimes including murder, kidnapping,

prostitution, drug smuggling and human trafficking.

The group established itself in Los Angeles before spreading across the U.S., said Shatarsky, an MS-13 expert assigned to ICE's national gang unit. The group's violence — using a machete to hack a victim to death or shooting someone in the head in broad daylight, for instance — surprised authorities and even rival gangs.

Other international criminal groups subject to similar sanctions include the Yakuza, a Japanese organized crime group, and the ruthless Mexican drug cartel, Los Zetas.

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## Found: One giant eyeball

A researcher at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission displays on Thursday a giant eyeball from a mysterious sea creature that washed ashore and was found by a man walking the beach in Pompano Beach, Fla. on Wednesday. No one knows what species the huge blue eyeball came from. The eyeball will be sent to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg. FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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## Celestial jewelry

## Red-hot diamond planet discovered

Astronomers have discovered a planet twice the size of Earth made largely out of diamond, which is orbiting a star that is visible with the naked eye.

The rocky planet, called "55 Cancri E," orbits a sun-like star 40 light years away in the constellation of Cancer and is moving so fast that a year there lasts a mere 18 hours.

Discovered by a U.S.-Franco

research team, its radius is twice that of Earth's but it is much more dense with a mass eight times greater. It is also incredibly hot, with temperatures on its surface reaching 1,648 C.

The study estimates that at least a third of the planet's mass, the equivalent of about three Earth masses, could be diamond.

Diamond planets have been spotted before but this is the first time one has been seen orbiting a sun-like star and studied in such detail.

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## Afghanistan

## Seven British marines arrested in murder inquiry

Seven Royal Marines have been arrested on suspicion of murder in relation to an incident in Afghanistan in 2011, Britain's Ministry of Defence said Thursday.

The defence ministry said that the incident followed "an engagement with an insurgent" and that no civilians were involved.

It added that the seven were arrested Thursday by Royal Military Police, but did not name the marines. While the ministry said the marines were not arrested in Afghanistan, it would not specify where the arrests took place.

It is believed to be the first time U.K. servicemen have been arrested on suspicion of murder over events that took place in Afghanistan. Last year, a British soldier was jailed for stabbing an Afghan boy with a bayonet in 2010. The boy survived the incident.

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# UN report blasts Iran on mass human rights abuses

**Resolution pending.** Ahmadinejad regime under fire for stonings, post-election violence and detainment of bloggers, journalists

The UN's human rights expert on Iran is condemning the Islamic Republic's reliance on stoning as a form of capital punishment, citing that as just one of a number of "deeply troubling" Iranian rights violations, many of which are "systemic in nature," according to a report circulating among UN delegations.

Ahmed Shaheed, the Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council's special rapporteur on Iran, also called for an "extensive, impartial and independent investigation into the violence in the weeks and months that followed the presidential election of 2009," when pro-democracy protesters surged into the streets to denounce the election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as bogus and rigged.

Shaheed also "reiterates his call for the immediate release of all political prisoners," according to the report.

The document will be the basis for an upcoming General Assembly resolution critical of Iran's human rights violations.

Shaheed reported that at least 150 journalists have fled

Iran since the 2009 elections, and some reports put the number as high as 400.

Iran detained more journalists than any other nation last year, according to his report, and to the New-York based rights group Committee to Protect Journalists, which counted 179 writers, editors and photo-journalists jailed in Iran in December 2011.

As the report was being prepared last March, Iran's Foreign Ministry said Shaheed was building it on statements by "terrorists."

Iran does not allow Shaheed entry to the country to conduct his research, and regards his reports as punitive. Shaheed said he followed 124 cases of human rights violations for his report and conducted 99 interviews inside and outside Iran.

Iran is now cracking down on Internet users, with Shaheed reporting that 19 bloggers and Internet commentators are currently detained in the Islamic Republic of Iran with four being sentenced to death in January 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**"Most of them reported they were subject to severe torture during interrogations."**

Ahmed Shaheed, of the UN Human Rights Council, describes the treatment of detained human rights protesters



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# European debt crisis requires urgent action, says IMF chief



International Monetary Fund managing director Christine Lagarde delivers a speech during the Civil Society Organizations Townhall meeting at the annual IMF/World Bank meetings in Tokyo on Thursday. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**World economy.** 'More needs to happen, and faster,' urges Lagarde, on Europe's debt problems and the looming fiscal crisis in the United States

The head of the International Monetary Fund called for urgent action to tackle Europe's debt problems and an approaching fiscal crisis in the U.S. on Thursday, warning that the struggling world economy is already falling short of even pessimistic expectations.

IMF chief Christine Lagarde, speaking to reporters as the IMF and World Bank held annual meetings in Tokyo, praised recent

steps taken by the European Central Bank and European governments, but said "more needs to happen, and faster."

Finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven richest nations met for about 90 minutes on the sidelines to discuss the European debt crisis. They also discussed the impending budget impasse in the U.S., an issue that prompted some at the meeting to express concern, according to a senior Japanese Ministry of Finance official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, which is ministry policy. They released no communiqué.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner was upbeat about recent moves in Europe to stabilize and reform crisis-stricken economies.

"The basic thrust of the strategy is right and good," he told a conference on the side-

lines of the IMF and World Bank meetings. "They're already having traction in improving competitiveness."

Geithner also sought to strike a reassuring tone regarding the threat of the so-called "fiscal cliff" of tax increases and deep spending cuts that will take effect in 2013 unless Congress and the Obama administration resolve a budget impasse.

The Obama administration intends to try to fix the problem before the end of the year, Geithner said. "We're going to take a run at it."

The IMF has urged the U.S. to raise the ceiling on the level of debt the government can issue, which is capped by law. In August 2011, a battle between Republicans and Democrats over raising the limit wasn't resolved until the U.S. almost defaulted on its debt.

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## Spanish credit rating plunges

The Spanish government's dilemma over whether to request a European bailout has become more acute following a downgrade of the cash-strapped country's credit rating.

Standard & Poor's cut its rating on Spain's debt by two notches to BBB- late Wednesday, just a step above junk status, or non-investment grade. That could make it more expensive for the Spanish government to borrow money as it might scare some of its bond investors away.

The agency said it was concerned by the deepening economic recession, which has

seen unemployment rise to nearly one in four and fuelled social discontent. It also noted that the government's hesitation in requesting a European financial lifeline was "potentially raising the risks to Spain's rating."

Though S&P's warning may nudge the Spanish government to make a bailout request sooner rather than later, rival agency Moody's has indicated it may cut its rating for Spain in the event of a bailout request.

"It would appear that when it comes to the rating, Spain is a bit between a rock and a hard place," said Gary Jenkins,

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Gary Jenkins, Swordfish Research

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The Spanish government said the downgrade was unjustified but argued that it would have little, if any effect, on its plans to raise cash in the money markets.

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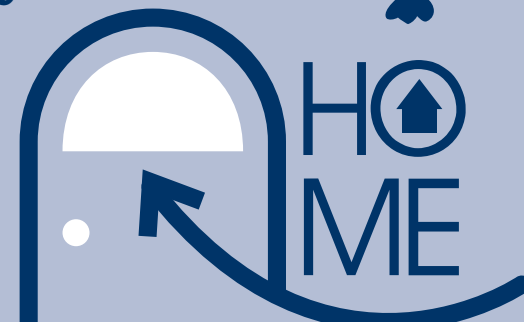
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# Midwest farming conditions dire

## Not a cornucopia.

Crop yields plummet as U.S. wrangles with one of its worst droughts in decades

The U.S. Department of Agriculture lowered its projection for the nation's corn crop for a fourth straight month on Thursday, reflecting worse-than-expected news about the actual impact of this year's withering drought from the farmers busy harvesting their fields.

The USDA estimates that farmers will harvest 10.71 billion bushels of corn this year, which would be the smallest amount since 2006. Last month's estimate was 10.73 billion bushels.

Crop estimates change as fields are harvested and farmers get a better sense of how the weather affected yields. The U.S. has been experiencing one of its worst droughts in decades, and conditions



A mountain of corn is piled up at the Frontier Coop grain elevator in Fremont, Neb., on Wednesday. NATHAN HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have been particularly harsh in many of the key Midwest and Plains farming states.

Farmers have harvested 69 per cent of the nation's corn already this year, which is well ahead of the 28 per cent that would be harvested by this time in a typical year.

The average yield is about 122 bushels per acre, which is down from last month's estimate of 122.8 bushels. That is the lowest average yield since 1995 and is significantly below

last year's yield of nearly 153 bushels per acre. Although the drought dried up the soil in many parts of the U.S., the corn harvest was surprisingly good in some areas, said Darin Newsom, senior analyst for Telvent DTN, a commodity trading and information provider.

"Is 122 anything great? No. It's still a dismal yield, still well below what had been anticipated earlier this year," Newsom said.

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## Of explosive proportions

In this Sept. 25 photo, a multiple perforation machine used to place explosives into rock walls stands at the Chuquicamata copper mine in the Atacama desert in northern Chile. Experts say that by 2019 the Chuquicamata copper mine will be unprofitable, so state-owned mining company Codelco is trying to head off closure by converting the open pit into the world's largest underground mine. Codelco believes the mine still has much more to give, with reserves equal to about 60 per cent of all the copper exploited in the mine's history still buried deep beneath the crater.

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**World has 6 billion cell subscriptions, UN agency says**

The world now has nearly as many cell-phone subscriptions as inhabitants. The UN telecom agency says there were about six billion subscriptions by the end of 2011 — roughly one for 86 of every 100 people.

In a report Thursday, the International Telecommunication Union said China alone accounted for one billion subscriptions, and India is expected to hit the one billion mark this year.

The Geneva-based agency says 2.3 billion people — or about one in three of the world's seven billion inhabitants — were Internet users by the end of 2011, but there's a strong disparity between wealthy and developing countries.

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# Confused by your cell contract? The CRTC wants to hear from you

**National standards.**

Telecom regulator asks for consumer input on wireless retail code

Canadians are being asked for help to develop a national retail code for wireless services like cellphones and tablets.

The CRTC said Thursday that it's asking for help because consumers have said their monthly contracts are confusing and the terms and conditions can vary greatly from one wireless company to another.

"Our goal is to make sure that Canadians have the tools they need to make informed choices in a competitive marketplace," CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais said in a news release.

The federal telecom regulator said consumers are being asked for their opinions on the terms and conditions that should be addressed by such a code and how the rules should be enforced, for example.

The CRTC said a national code will help Canadians better understand their rights as consumers as well as set out the responsibilities of wireless companies.



Tablets, cellphones and other wireless services will be covered under the CRTC's national retail code. The code could help consumers understand terms and conditions, which now vary greatly between wireless companies. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Canadians can participate online or write to the CRTC to give their views. The CRTC will also hold a public hearing on the matter Jan. 28 in Gatineau, Que.

Telus, which asked for a national code last spring, said a consistent set of national standards would benefit consumers. "They ensure that all Canadians enjoy the same safeguards, same terms of service," said Telus spokesman Shawn

**Quoted**

**"Our goal is to make sure that Canadians have the tools they need to make informed choices in a competitive marketplace."** CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais

Hall. He said each province having its own standards and rules would be "inefficient and could be unfair for Canadians."

"Rather than having 12 regional debates about this, it

makes sense to come together to have one national conversation that ensures all Canadians are treated the same," Hall said from Vancouver.

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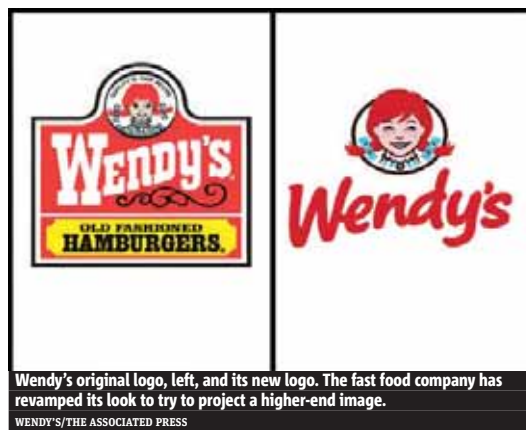
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## Trading up: Wendy's revamps 30-year-old logo



Wendy's original logo, left, and its new logo. The fast food company has revamped its look to try to project a higher-end image.

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Wendy's pigtails are getting a tweak. For the first time since 1983, the Dublin, Ohio-based fast-food company is updating its logo in a move intended to signal its ongoing transformation into a higher-end hamburger chain.

Instead of the boxy, old-fashioned lettering against a red-and-yellow backdrop, the pared down new look features the chain's name in a casual red font against a clean white backdrop. An image of the smiling cartoon girl in red pigtails floats above — though this girl looks more vivid and not quite as childlike.

CEO Emil Brolick said the current logo had served the

company well for the past three decades, but that it was time for an update. Still, Brolick said he was encouraged by consumer feedback in testing dozens of new logo variations over the past several months.

"When we pushed things too far, they very much reeled us back," he said, noting that it showed just how attached people are to the brand.

The makeover comes as the chain struggles to redefine itself in the face of intensifying competition from the likes of Panera Bread Co. and Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., which are seen as a step up from traditional fast food.

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**THE LIST**  
Neil Morton  
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It's that time again; the time when The Metro List combines everything from the awesome to the zany to remind you that your world is getting weirder by the week.

**1 Eighties re-enactment.** Everyone knows that iconic scene from 1989's *Say Anything* with John Cusack (as Lloyd Dobler) holding up the boom box while playing In Your Eyes for Ione Skye (as Diane Court). Well, Cusack showed up on stage with a boom box for Peter Gabriel at the Hollywood Bowl on the weekend before he performed the song. Eighties movie re-enactments in real life = retro awesome.

**2 The shocking split.** They were one of those Hollywood couples that gave you hope for longevity in Hollywood couples. But on Monday, after 30 years of marriage, actors Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman announced they were separating. Love is dead. In Hollywood, that is. Not in the real world.

**3 Poor Elmo.** Big Bird has become a huge star after Mitt Romney's remarks in the debate about loving him, but that he would still be cutting funding from PBS. Big Bird made an appearance on Saturday Night Live, and stars in Obama's new campaign ad in which Big Bird and Sesame Street are compared to Bernie Madoff and Wall Street. Poor Elmo is waiting for a Romney endorsement now.

**4 Ben Affleck.** The director/actor went on Twitter Monday to host an online chat about *Argo*, his new drama/thriller opening Friday Oct. 12. Affleck showed his funny side, tweeting if he wasn't directing, "I'd be writing Twitter feeds for celebrities." And if *Argo* "were mistaken for #FARGO, I wouldn't mind. Pretty great movie." But just don't mistake *Argo* for the Toronto Argos.

**5 Jen's rock.** Jennifer Aniston's ginormous engagement ring from fiancé Justin Theroux caught on camera was the talk of the Internet, with some people calling it over the top, pretentious and gaudy. Of course, there's always the remote possibility Aniston's pranking us with that huge rock. Or trying out for *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*.

**6 Sexiest woman alive.** It must be an honour for Mila Kunis to receive this title from *Esquire* magazine in their November issue. And her beau Ashton Kutcher must be an equally happy camper. Runners-up for the title include Anne Hathaway, Katie Holmes and my wife, Christi. Now, the part about my wife isn't true, but I just got enough brownie points to last a week for suggesting it.

**7 Tim Tebow.** Monday night's NFL game between the Jets and Texans became one of good versus evil when Jets backup QB Tim Tebow (a devout Christian) tweeted out earlier in the day "Looking forward to giving God all the glory in tonight's 666th Monday Night Football game. Romans 8:37-39." Evil won out, barely, as the Texans beat Tebow 23-17.

**8 Lena Dunham.** The *Girls* creator's autobiographical *Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's Learned*, is the talk of literary circles. A bidding war for the 26-year-old's book of essays ended with her signing a \$3.5-million US deal with Random House. Publishers, if you're interested in *Not That Kind of Guy: A Middle-Aged Man Tells You What He's Learned*, give me your best offer.

**9 Eric Winston.** An eloquent post-game rant by the Kansas City Chief offensive lineman went viral on YouTube after he tore into hometown fans who cheered an injury to their own QB Matt Cassel, who had been performing poorly. Cassel suffered a concussion and Winston laid into the fans, calling the cheering "100 per cent sickening." Indeed, those fans were so far offside.

**10 Jian Ghomeshi's 1982.** This goofy, thoughtful memoir by the host of CBC Radio's *Q* gives the goods on life growing up as a Persian-Canadian boy in the early '80s in Thornhill, Ont. And it also covers the influence of new wave music (Bowie, The Clash, Talking Heads — yes!) on Ghomeshi. Full of pop culture, full of Canadiana, full of the '80s — like it on Facebook, love it in real life.

**11 Twitter quake.** The Montreal region was hit by a small quake Wednesday night, and people took to Twitter with some comic gems, like "Apparently the Hockey Gods are pissed that the puck won't be dropping at the Bell Centre on Thursday. #earthquake #montreal," tweeted one person. And "PVRs have spoiled me. I want to rewind real life by 10 minutes so I can feel that #earthquake again" said another.

# Large feat for tiny creature



NUNU RIZANI/SOLENT NEWS

## Indonesia's models

### The backyard miracles

This ant likes a challenge, playing with a marble several times its size on a shallow pool of water.

The moment was captured as part of a series by Indonesian amateur photographer Nunu Rizani, showing macro images of insects playing with his children's toys on water.

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## The photog



"I waited for that wonderful moment when they play on the marbles. Normally they avoid water, but when they know it's not deep, they can walk on it."

Nunu Rizani  
Finance worker from West Java, Indonesia

## Insect heroes

They work for you:

- **Ladybugs.** The most popular insects according to a U.K. survey, the garden saviours eat parasites that destroy plants.
- **Cockroaches.** U.S. police plan to use remote-controlled roaches as scouts in hostage situations.
- **Silkworms.** Their thread produces the silk for clothing.

## Impressive work

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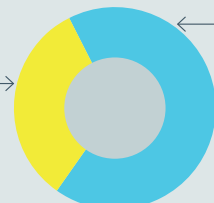
They may not look strong, but ants can carry up to 50 times their own body weight. Top human weightlifters are weaklings by comparison. They can't lift more than four times their size.



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## Twitter

**@VegasBroad:** Raspberry Lemonade Chiller for my sore throat, then I'm pound-in' back some cold meds & sleep, sleep, sleep. #yeg

**@RandallTT:** that wind howling through my not quite fully closed windows is a reminder to me to shut them tight #ItsNotSummerAnymore #yeg

**@brandiest:** Apparently, a Bob Dylan concert

is like a game cuz we had to figure out each song by the lyrics. "Hey! That's 'Tangled Up In Blue'!" #yeg

**@leftbjshoudar:** If the wind we've been getting continues, could be a brisk winter in #yeg. #toque #scarf #mitts #stayinside;-)

**@YEGlifer:** Ah, the friendly hoodie-clad clerks at the registration office. Gotta love privatization. #yeg



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Reel Guys

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# Mission: Theatrical

**Argo.** The Reel Guys may have uncovered the underlying intent of this movie about a Hollywood-assisted CIA op in Iran

**Richard:** Mark, despite being based in truth, this spy story has the kind of Hollywood feel that reduces the agents to stereotypes — the world-weary spymaster, the by-the-book boss wielding the “Clipboard of Authority” — and the mission to a series of set pieces involving split-second timing and imminent danger. But this isn’t Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, with that movie’s pensive take on the intelligence racket. It’s an Affleck-directed thriller that despite its overreliance on well-worn theatrics, works well.

**Mark:** I’m so glad it isn’t

Tinker Tailor Boring Spy. That put me to sleep. This is a fast-paced, often-funny caper movie. Everyone plays their parts well, but it’s not an actor’s movie, it’s the story that matters. And what a story! It seems absurd but it’s too loopy NOT to be true. You might say the film buys into the American belief that Hollywood conquers all, even an international crisis, but it sends it up satirically too. And Canadians are partly the heroes of the film — sort of.

**RC:** The Canadian connection is played with a sort of understated aplomb, which I suppose suits our national character, but I would have loved to see Ken Taylor played as more of an action hero, like Captain Canuck with diplomatic immunity. I’ll also agree this isn’t an actor’s movie, but you have to love Alan Arkin as Hollywood mogul Lester Siegel.

Arkin is the most flamboyant actor on screen and injects needed energy into stateside scenes.

**MB:** So true about Arkin; he’s the only one who stands out. And he has the best line in the film: “If I’m going to make a fake movie, I want it to be a fake hit!” I actually spent time wondering if the fake movie might actually be watchable if it were made. The plot didn’t look any worse than John Carter. And here’s a nice paranoid thought: The Iranians in the movie looked dangerous, and the timing of the movie’s release, on the eve of a possible U.S. military intervention into Iran, seems convenient. A CIA co-production, Richard?

**RC:** Great, now the Reel Guys are going to end up on some kind of CIA watch list. Thanks for exposing the real purpose of this movie.

**Synopsis**

The action begins in 1979 as Iranian militants invade the U.S. embassy in Tehran, taking 52 of the 58 diplomats hostage. Six manage to escape, making their way to refuge at the home of Canadian Ambassador Ken Taylor (Victor Garber). In the U.S. the CIA hire Tony Mendez (Ben Affleck), an “exfiltration” expert to smuggle the six out of Iran. Creating false identities, he has them pose as a film crew scouting locations for a fake sci-fi flick called Argo.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

**MB:** Well if the CIA did produce it, they did a great job. One of the more original and entertaining films of the year.

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## Comedy



## Here Comes The Boom

**Director.** Frank Coraci

**Stars.** Kevin James, Salma Hayek

Here Comes the Boom may not bring the boom but it's not quite cinematic doom either. At the broad comedy's core is Kevin James playing earnest as a bored biology teacher engaging in mixed martial arts to raise funds for his financially-strapped school. As outrageous a premise as that is, it still sort of works due to some charming gags and bold brawl scenes. However, constant jabs of formulaic sentiment definitely keep the film from becoming a true champ.

STEVE GOW

## Comedy



## Seven Psychopaths

**Director.** Martin McDonagh

**Stars.** Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell

It may not be as neatly-structured as his Oscar-nominated breakthrough comedy In Bruges but Martin McDonagh's Seven Psychopaths is certainly as entertaining. A bizarre riff on the art of screen-writing, the dog-napping caper features a struggling scribe (Colin Farrell) who finds inspiration in the shady characters that arise when his best bud nabs a mobster's mutt. While it's certainly a complex narrative that will lose many mainstream moviegoers, snappy dialogue and a fun cast make Psychopaths a big score. **STEVE GOW**

## Horror



## Sinister

**Director.** Scott Derrickson

**Stars.** Ethan Hawke, Juliet Rylance, James Ransone

A true crime author (Ethan Hawke) is so convinced he's on to a new real-life mystery with the makings of a bestseller he relocates to a small town and a new house. He doesn't tell his wife or kids that the house is actually the scene of the crime he's investigating or about the disturbing home movies he finds in the attic. Sinister is a good old-fashioned spooky movie. It shies away from getting really down and dirty — most of the really grim stuff is left to our imaginations — but it builds tension well and will leave you unsettled.

RICHARD CROUSE

## Horror



## Antiviral

**Director.** Brandon Cronenberg

**Stars.** Caleb Landry Jones, Sarah Gadon, Malcolm McDowell

Brandon Cronenberg's maiden feature is, on the surface, akin to the body horror bent of his famous father. But underneath it beats a very different, even more bleak heart. Caleb Landry-Jones plays Syd, a bootlegger of celebrity viruses whose clientele are addicted to injecting themselves with the diseases of the stars. Soon, Syd is involved in corporate skulduggery which leads to vomiting blood all over white walls. DP Karim Hussain's imagery is crisp and Cronenberg goes for icy satire tempered by lowbrow FX gags. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

## Drama



## Arbitrage

**Director.** Nicholas Jarecki

**Stars.** Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon

An audacious thriller by first-time filmmaker Nicholas Jarecki, Arbitrage explores a rich investment manager (Richard Gere) and his desperate attempt to hide his lover's homicide while trying to sell his failing company. Jarecki may force a complex examination of power and corruption using a slightly conventional narrative but it's certainly forgivable considering the great performances of Gere and the cast.

STEVE GOW

## Documentary



## First Position

**Director.** Bess Kargman

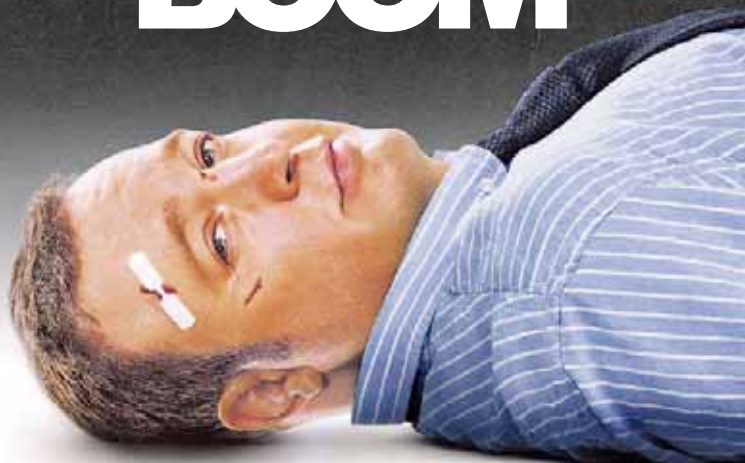
**Stars.** Aran Bell, Gaya Bommer Yernini and Michaela Deprince

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## The Hobbit. New Zealand to rename capital after Middle Earth for premiere of Peter Jackson movie next month

New Zealand's capital Wellington will rename itself The Middle of Middle-earth when it hosts the world premiere of The Hobbit movie trilogy next month.

Middle-Earth is the fictional setting for the movies.

Wellington Mayor Celia Wade-Brown says the city will spend 1.1 million New Zealand dollars (\$900,000) on a red-carpet celebration for the Nov. 28 premiere of The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey at the downtown Embassy Theatre.

The movie is the first of three prequels to The Lord of the Rings movies.

It's directed by Wellington resident Peter Jackson and is shot in the country of New Zealand.

The city will also host Hobbit artwork and an artisan festival.

You might want a mail a letter from here. The city says the postal service and local newspaper will be among many agencies to use the unofficial Middle Earth moniker for three weeks.

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## Matthew Fox. Playing a psychotic assassin requires commitment



Matthew Fox looking lean and mean in Alex Cross. HANDOUT

Matthew Fox underwent a startling physical transformation, dropping down to nearly zero per cent body fat to play the psychotic assassin Picasso in Alex Cross, so it's understandable that he's been getting a lot of diet and exercise questions. But we wanted to know about some other things — like why he isn't going back to TV anytime soon and how things are going with the reportedly troubled World War Z. On that last topic, in fact, he'd like to clear a few things up.

**How tired are you of getting diet and exercise questions?** (Laughs) Yeah. I fortunately braced myself for the fact that that was going to be one of the things that people were going to come with as far as questions. So I'm not too tired about it. It was a lot of hard work, man. I don't watch any playback or rushes or anything like that — I still haven't seen the movie. I think down the road I always hit a point where I'm like, "OK, now I can watch this." So I really hadn't seen myself and what I was setting out to accomplish with

that guy until somebody sent me [a promotional photo]. Somebody forwarded it to me and I opened this email, and it's this image of myself in the cage thing where he's breaking the guy's arm. And I was like, "Whoa, dude, that is so intense and disturbing."

**So where are you as far as watching your own stuff? What have you seen?**

Well, I mean I've seen Speed Racer a couple of times. I watched the first half-season of the first year of Lost. And I've seen Vantage Point, I've seen We are Marshall. I haven't seen any of the three that are going to be coming out. I haven't seen Alex Cross or World War Z or Emperor.

**I don't think anyone's seen World War Z yet.**

Well, some people that I work with have seen it, and they think it's bad-ass. I think Paramount must be a little bit bummed by the rumour that's been blogged on movie sites that just doesn't have any basis in fact.

NED EHRBAR, MWN

# Edward Burns gets back to his Irish roots

## What he knows best.

Star of Alex Cross talks about his work on a sequel to Brothers McMullan and how Tyler Perry gave him the idea to do it



NED EHRBAR  
Metro World News in Hollywood

Edward Burns hit it big with his debut feature as a writer, director and star, the Brothers McMullan, in 1995. So what's he planning for the 20th anniversary? A sequel, of course. In fact, Burns tells Metro that none other than Tyler Perry — with whom he co-stars in Alex Cross — has encouraged him to get back to the Irish-American story lines that brought him success to begin with.

**It's been nearly 20 years since the Brothers McMullan.**

I can't believe it's coming up on 20 years. It's crazy. I'm actually working on the sequel for the 20th anniversary. And I did one that comes out in November called the Fitzgerald Family Christmas, which is seven adult siblings. All my friends from big Irish clans who have seen it are like, "Oh man, this one hits a little too close to home."

**Why a Christmas movie?**

It's funny. Tyler is the inspiration for the movie. He had just



Alex Cross opens next Friday. HANDOUT

watched Brothers McMullan while we were working together and he was like, "Why didn't you ever make a sequel for that film?" So that's where that idea came from. And then he goes, "You know, those first two movies were so successful,

and it's all about the Irish-Catholic families. Why haven't you written about that since?" And I really didn't have an explanation. He's like, "Take it from me. Super-serve your niche. I guarantee that all those folks that really connected to those

first two movies, if you were to make another Irish-American-themed film, they're probably going to come out to check it out." I was like, "F—, you know what? He's absolutely right." So I sat down and I just started writing.

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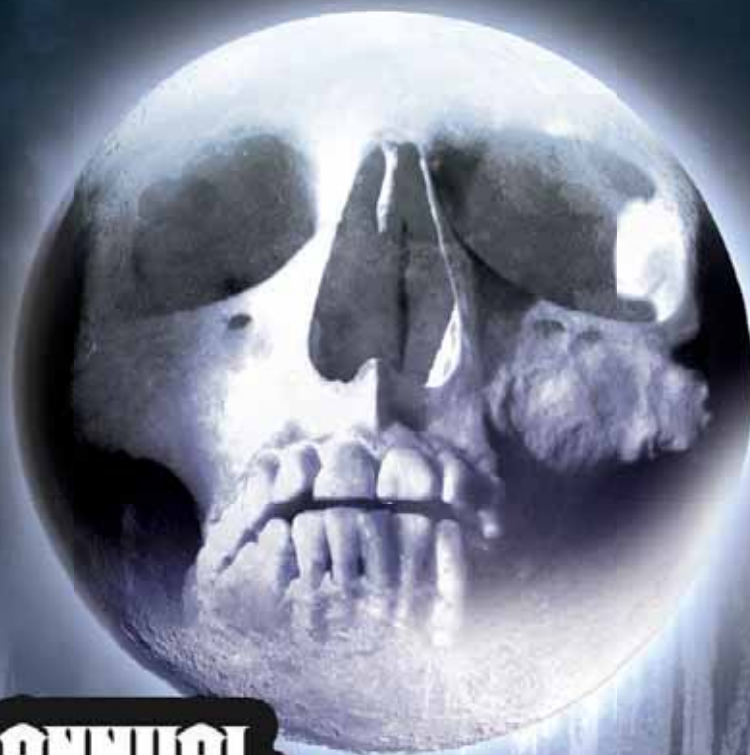


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Mon-Thu 4:50-7:35 Pitch Perfect (PG) No Passes Fri 6:35-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:50 Sinister (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50 Taken 2 (14A) No Passes Fri 7:10-8-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-2-3:40-4:20-7:10-8-9:30 Mon-Wed 5:15-5:40-7:40-8:10 Thu 5:15-5:40-7:40

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Carrie (STC) Wed 9:15 DEDfest 2012 (STC) Wed-Thu 7 Feel the Wind (STC) Sun 2 First Position (PG) Fri 7 Sat 12-9:15 Sun 9:15 Mon-Tue 7 The Goonies (STC) Sat 2 Happy Flight (STC) Sat 7 Kill Your Boredom With Sunny (STC) Fri 9 Someday (STC) Sat 4 Villon's Wife (STC) Sun 7

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Mon 4:40-7:30-9:55 Tue 1:45-4:40-7:30-9:55 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:30-9:55 Total Recall (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:05-7:10 Wed-Thu 7:10 The Words (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-10 Mon 4:30-7:20-10 Tue 1:20-4:30-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:20-10

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### Princess I & II 10337 Whyte Ave.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri 6:50-9 Sat-Sun 2:6:50-9 Mon-Thu 6:50-9  
Samsara (PG) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:30-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

### Scotiabank Theatre West Mall, 8882 170th St.

Argo (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10 7:10-10:15 No Passes Wed 4:10-7:10 10:15 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:10 7:10-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1  
Dredd 3D (18A) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:30-7:50-10:15 Thu 1:45-4-10:15  
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:20-7-10 Wed 1:40-4:20-10 Thu 1:40-4:20-7  
Frankenweenie (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-2:50-5 Wed 3-5 Thu 12:40-2:50-5 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1  
Frankenweenie 3D (PG) Thu 10:15  
Frankenweenie: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:25 Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45  
Here Comes the Boom (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:30-3-5:30-8:10-10:45  
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45  
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-7:30-9:50  
Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day (STC) Wed 7:15  
Looper (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:30  
The Metropolitan Opera: L'Elisir d'Amore Live (STC) Sat 10:55  
Paranormal Activity 4 (STC) Thu 10  
Paranormal Activity 4: The IMAX Experience (STC) Thu 9  
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:30  
Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (14A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4-7:45-10:35 Thu 1:30-4-7:45  
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:10  
Sinister (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-5:15-8-10:40  
Taken 2 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 7:15-9:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:15-5:40-8:15-10:45

### South Edmonton Common 1525 99th St.

Arbitrage (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:25-6:45-9:25 Mon-Wed 12:40-3:25-6:50-9:25 Thu 12:40-3:25-7:25-10  
Argo (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-7-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40-3:30-7-10:05  
Caesar & Cleopatra - Encore Presenta-

tion (STC) Thu 7  
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:20-6:40  
The Dark Knight Rises (14A) Fri-Sun 9:05 Mon-Thu 9  
Dredd 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 8-10:30  
End of Watch (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:7:35-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:35-4:15-7:40-10:20 Wed 1:35-4:15-10:20 Thu 1:35-4:15  
La Fille Mal Gardée - Royal Ballet - Live (STC) Sun 12:55  
Finding Nemo 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:15 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40  
Frankenweenie 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-5-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10  
Here Comes the Boom (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:25-3:15-6:50-9:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:50-4:35-8-10:30 No Passes Thu 4:35-8-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1  
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:20 Mon-Thu 12:45-3  
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:35-9:55  
The Last Gladiators (14A) Thu 7:30  
Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day (STC) Wed 7:15  
Looper (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Wed 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:35 Thu 3:50-6:45-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1  
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The Perks of Being a Wallflower (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:55-10:25  
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Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri-Sun 1-3:45-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:15-4-7:05-10  
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Space Jam (STC) Sat 11  
Taken 2 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:05-12:30-2:35-3:05-4:55-5:30-7:20-8-9:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40-2:10-4:25-4:55-7:15-7:45-9:40-10:10

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Amazon (STC) Wed 2  
Beavers (STC) Tue 10

Born to Be Wild (G) Tue 11 Wed 10  
Bugs! (STC) Mon 10 Wed 11  
Coral Reef Adventure (G) Mon 2 Thu 1  
Flight of the Butterflies (STC) Fri-Sat 11-1-3-5-7 Sun 11-1-3-5 Mon-Thu 3  
Hubble (G) Fri-Sun 2-4  
The Human Body (STC) Tue 1 Thu 2  
Hurricane on the Bayou (STC) Mon 1 Thu 11  
Mystic India (STC) Mon 11 Thu 10  
Space Station (G) Tue 2 Wed 1  
To the Arctic (G) Fri 10-12-8 Sat 12-8 Sun 12 Mon-Thu 4

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Argo (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:55-9:15  
Frankenweenie (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:30-4:15-6:05-7:55-9:30  
Here Comes the Boom (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-2:55-5-7-9:05  
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3-4:50-6:50-8:45  
Taken 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:20-9:25

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Argo (14A) No Passes Fri 4-6:50-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40  
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Here Comes the Boom (PG) No Passes Fri 5:10-7:45-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:45-10:20  
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Sat-Sun 12-2:20  
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:40-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30  
House at the End of the Street (14A) Fri 5:15-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05 Mon-Wed 7:40-10:05 Thu 7:30  
Looper (14A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:55  
Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:55  
Paranormal Activity 4 (STC) Thu 10  
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50  
Sat 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50  
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Space Jam (STC) Sat 11  
Taken 2 (14A) No Passes Fri 5:30-7:50-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:50-10:15

Trouble With the Curve (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-10 Sat 11:20-2-4:40-7:20-10 Sun 2-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10

### Leduc Cinemas 4702 50th St., Leduc

Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:25-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:25  
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Sat-Sun 1:05 Tue 7:05  
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 3:20-7:05-9:20 Mon 7:05-9:20 Tue 9:20 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:20  
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:20-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:20  
Taken 2 (14A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:20-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

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Frankenweenie 3D (PG) Fri 3:50-6:30-8:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:30-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-8:55  
Here Comes the Boom (PG) No Passes Fri 4:35-7:20-9:55 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20  
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri 3:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:15  
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri 5:45-8-10:15 Sat-Sun 5:40-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:45  
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The Metropolitan Opera: L'Elisir d'Amore Live (STC) Sat 10:55  
Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25  
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri 5-8:20 Sat-Sun 1:45-5-8:20 Mon-Tue 7:40 Wed 8 Thu 7:40  
Sinister (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45  
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# New World not a new genre for leading man Niall Matter

**Sci-fi drama.** Primeval: New World premieres Oct. 29

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Dealing with all creatures great and small takes on a whole new meaning in SPACE's upcoming sci-fi drama Primeval: New World. A spin-off of the UK series Primeval, it follows a team of Vancouver-based scientists that investigates "Anomalies" or rips in time that allow prehistoric creatures to cross over into the present.

Having played Zane Donovan on Eureka, Niall Matter felt he might make a good fit as New World's leading man, software genius Evan Cross.

"This is a genre I'm pretty familiar with now, and I hoped that I would have a following from Eureka coming over with me because sci-fi fans are so loyal," he says. "Stepping into a lead role and playing a bit of an action hero were things I was very interested in doing,

so this opportunity came along at the perfect time."

Working with Evan to capture and try to return these unwanted interlopers home is Sara Canning's character of predator control officer Dylan Weir.

"The very first scene we shot for the series is where Evan and Dylan meet for the first time, and without spoiling it, there's something off in the distance that doesn't necessarily sound like a grizzly bear," says the actress with a chuckle.

Actor Danny Rahim, who plays firearms expert Mac Rendell, sees his character as the viewers' eyes and ears.

"This is a bizarre world where dinosaurs are walking around Vancouver, and as the sort of realist, Mac is like, 'Is that what I thought it was?'" says Rahim. "That's where I hope fans will engage with and relate to him."

Evan's colleagues also include business/financial whiz Angelika "Ange" Finch (Miranda Frigon), who runs his company, Cross Photonics, and Toby Nance (Crystal Lowe), the techie responsible for building the team's Anomaly-busting gadgets.

"The biggest challenge with my character is trying to show all the human colors and not just the 'bitchy' boss lady," says Frigon.

"You have to reveal what's underneath for people to realize, 'Oh, she does have a heart.'"

Lowe recalls, "I'd never played a techie before and I remember at the start asking Niall, 'Oh, God, when does this get easier?' be-

cause he'd done all that tech stuff on Eureka. He said, 'Don't stress; by episode five you'll be fine,' and he was exactly right."

Rounding out the team is government liaison Lt. Ken Leeds, played by Geoff Gustafson.

"Poor Ken is the least trusted one on the show. Is that warranted? You'll have to watch and see," says the actor.

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Paul Shaffer. HANDOUT

## Paul Shaffer to host Canada's Walk of Fame awards show

R&B love

Paul Shaffer is no stranger to the spotlight — the 62-year-old musician and actor has spent the better part of the last 37 years on our televisions, first with Saturday Night Live and since 1982, as David Letterman's musical director and side-kick.

But in a rare turn Sunday, Shaffer will be the sole person in that spotlight as host of the 2012 Canada's Walk of Fame Awards Show.

"I'm thrilled about it," he says, sitting backstage at the Ed Mirvish Theatre, prior to the show's taping last month. He was asked through friend Randy Bachman, if he'd come up to Toronto to induct the singer-guitarist. When Global TV found out, they asked if Shaffer would host the whole shebang.

Shaffer himself was inducted back in 2006. He calls the Walk, located at King and Simcoe Streets in Toronto, an important validation. "You're being honoured by your countrymen," he says. "When I left Canada in the early 70s, you kind of had to [go to the States] in pop music. There was the Guess Who, Gordon Lightfoot and that was it."

Raised in Thunder Bay, Shaffer moved to Hogtown to attend the University of Toronto, earning a degree in sociology. He "jobbed" around for five years, before landing in a local production of Godspell. After performing in the Saturday Night Live band for five years, he worked as a ses-

Shaffer makes no secret of his love of R&B — the house band he leads at the Ed Sullivan theatre is modeled after an instrumental R&B group. He even keeps a Hammond B-3 organ that once belonged to James Brown in his New York loft. "It's so funky it almost plays itself," he jokes. Shaffer had the opportunity to meet the Godfather of Soul on several occasions whenever Brown dropped by to perform on Letterman. "Every time was an education for me," he admits. "He invented so much of the stuff that we're still dancing to today. Those experiences were some of my favourites."

sion musician until meeting Letterman.

Shaffer is regularly tapped to act as musical director for productions like the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony, backing a who's who of musicians and stars. You have to check your ego," he says of these events. "It's the first thing to go."

"Their face is going to be on camera after all... you can't tell them how to do the number, they're going to tell you."

Canada's Walk of Fame airs Sunday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. on Global. **IAN GORMELY**



Ken Leeds (Geoff Gustafson), left, Angelika Finch (Miranda Frigon), Dylan Weir (Sara Canning), Evan Cross (Niall Matter), Mac Rendell (Danny Rahim), Toby Nance (Crystal Lowe). HANDOUT



# Walking Dead takes a bite out of pop culture

**Zombie apocalypse.**  
Hit show has spawned games, books and theme park attractions

In the first five minutes of the third-season premiere of *The Walking Dead*, former sheriff's deputy Rick Grimes and his battered and beaten band of zombie apocalypse survivors remain completely speechless.

It's a hauntingly stark opening for the popular TV undead drama that no one's been quiet about since it first debuted.

"We meet them after eight months," said Andrew Lincoln, the actor who portrays Rick, sitting alongside Sarah Wayne Callies, who plays Rick's feisty wife, Lori. "There's a huge rift between Rick and Lori. They're desperate. They're more desperate than they've ever been, so much so that in the teaser, no one says a word, and everything is kind of sad."

Everything hasn't been sad for the cast and crew of *The Walking Dead*, which has risen from surprising cult hit to unstoppable zombie brand.

The *Walking Dead*, which is based on the comic book series written by Robert Kirkman, has transformed into a full-fledged franchise featuring a horde of video games, costumes, toys, books and theme park attractions.

With just a pair of eight-episode seasons, *The Walking Dead* series amassed a huge following, becoming must-scream-TV on Sunday nights. The show's second-season finale, which featured the survivors fleeing a farm after being barraged by waves of zombies, corralled 9 million viewers — a basic-cable record among younger audiences.

The success is often lost on the cast, who shoot on location in rural Georgia, away from the ego-enhancing realm of Hollywood. They're reminded of the popularity when confronted by thousands of fans at San Diego's Comic-Con or motivated by the "gasoline" that is fan letters and photos posted inside a makeshift shrine erected in the trailer of actor Norman Reedus (Daryl).

"It's a solid pocket we stay in," said Steven Yeun, who plays nimble Glenn. "I got a glimpse of it today when I was sitting in the hotel room. I looked out from the balcony, and I'm like, 'Where am I?' We just came from shooting a terrible, gnarly scene in the middle of the woods — just yelling and guttural stuff — and now all of a sudden I'm at the Four Seasons."

The third season, which premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT, finds the survivors coming across the too-good-to-be-true town of Woodbury, a zombie-free enclave that's led by a cutthroat character dubbed

the Governor.

British actor David Morrissey, who was cast as the iconic villain from the comics earlier this year, is downplaying the Governor's "MUHAHAHA!" ruthlessness.

"I think, creatively, you'd hit a ceiling very quickly if you did that in the TV show," said Morrissey. "You have to give him complexity. You have to give him a sense of motivation and why he's doing these things."

The new season will also feature katana-wielding fan-favourite Michonne, who saved straggler Andrea at the end of last season with her chained-

up zombie sidekicks in tow. Michonne actress Danai Gurira said the character's interpersonal relationships with the other survivors will send her on "a bit of a different journey" than the Michonne of the comics.

However, the action in this season's first two episodes is focused squarely on the prison glimpsed at the end of last season after Rick and son Carl took down a zombified version of Rick's best friend, Shane, who continually clashed with his buddy about how to exist in a world where "walkers" — the show's preferred term for zombies — seem to lurk



Norman Reedus as Daryl Dixon in a scene from AMC's show *The Walking Dead*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/AMC

around every corner.

Kirkman, who serves as an executive producer on the show, promised the third season, which will be split in half, will feature some surprises that even the most die-hard

*Walking Dead* fans won't see coming. (The series has continually veered from the source material, whether it's drawing out story lines or killing off characters earlier than in the comics.) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## More than a TV show

The *Walking Dead* masterminds are also pushing their realistic take on the zombie apocalypse into other avenues:

- An episodic game from Telltale Games based on the comic.

- A first-person shooter game due from Activision focusing on Daryl, who doesn't appear in the comics.

- Mazes at Universal Studios' Halloween Horror Nights in California and Florida.

# Django Django bring back the rock-dance remix

**Behind the music.**  
British band talks stage wear, album sounds and their audience

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The first time Metro encountered the British band Django Django, the only music they had released were a few EPs of remixes that made it difficult to figure out what type of music they actually played.

How do you identify the most authentic vision of a song when you are presented with so many choices?

Then we caught the band live at SXSW and they demonstrated a vibrancy that wasn't initially evident in their studio recordings.

They had the crowd jumping so much that it was difficult to see the stage. This reporter, upon first meeting the band for an initial sit-down asked about their shirts, which looked like matching pajama tops with cartoon strips of bacon on them.

It turns out they were just black T-shirts that they had poured bleach all over.



David Maclean, Vincent Neff, Jimmy Dixon and Tommy Grace of Django Django. BEN PRUCHNIE/GETTY IMAGES

A few months later, producer David Maclean called us up to chat again.

**Are you still wearing the bacon pajamas/bleached shirts when you perform live?**  
I think we still have some. I think we have similar T-shirts, some kind of shirts we've designed or we just kind of go through phases, wearing some kind of matching uniform type things, but not always. It

just depends what we're in the mood for really. We try to look like a unit on stage. That's something we like to do, and I think as we progress and have more time we'll definitely focus on doing a lot of those things because we're on the road a lot so we kind of make up ideas on the move and make them DIY. It'd be nice to sit down and design proper stage wear.

**It was interesting too for me to see you guys live and then hear the album. I had thought I had a grip of what the sound was, but then the album is different. It felt like the live shows was like, "OK, cool this is stuff you can dance to in the clubs" and then the album felt like this is something you go bring into the woods with friends and all listen to while spacing out.**

Yeah, it just probably shows a progression.

The album was made by me and Vinnie [Neff, singer and guitarist] sitting in my bedroom, a tiny little bedroom with a computer at the end of the bed, and just sort of plugging the guitar in and hitting some percussion and layered a lot.

We weren't working after college. We didn't even think it was an album. ... It was never created as an album until the label came along and said, "can we create it?" So we weren't even a proper band, so when we got a drum kit and some amps and stuff and did a gig, then all that had to change and go out the window because we couldn't sit there and layer up tracks of tambourines and tapping and trippy nonsense.

We had to go live with something and being into dance music just kind of gets you started into a dance path so that would probably come back and reflect the way we record the next album.

It all comes to a circle really.

**How did you picture people listening to these songs? The trippy nonsense way or the dancing way?**

Sort of neither. I mean I like listening to music walking around cities or on a bus. I don't know, its weird listening to music and being absorbed into the music, so for me the psychedelic part was always, that was kind of my mind wandering a bit, not necessarily through psychedelic drugs, but through just sort of day dreaming and dreams, and escapism. I mean, yes, in the past we might have tripped on magic mushrooms and that gives you a kind of experience you draw on, but everything in life becomes that experience, whether it's a relationship or a trip on acid or the time you went for a walk or the time you went fishing, you know, it doesn't really matter to me.

It all kind of ends up coming out subconsciously or consciously when you sit down to make music, so basically it was made through sitting down at the computer with the guitar and sort of playing out a lifetime of adventures.

So then it's kind of impossible to say where you imagine the listener would be at the time then enjoying or even how we were going to approach it live because it was such a weird way to make music in such a bubble.



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# Behind the curtain of Morrissey

**Interview.** Metro speaks to the British singer about his views on the Royals, his Latino fanbase, a Smiths reunion and his new autobiography

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 Metro World News

When the opportunity arises to interview a celebrity via email, we often balk at the invitation because there's really no way of knowing that the person who is supposedly answering is the person to whom you're really posing the questions.

But occasionally we'll make exceptions for an entertainer we feel is worth any inconvenience.

And so it was that the British singer Morrissey became part of this elite and mismatched club. Earlier this month, rumours emerged online that The Smiths, known for their less than amicable split, were reuniting.

He quickly quashed those rumours and was eager to discuss his upcoming autobiog-

## Two more for the road

### A few more questions

• Do you address the beginning of your career in a way that fans might finally stop asking you when The Smiths will get back together? If people continue to ask that question now, which they do, then they shall never stop, and they shall never stop because they don't understand the his-

tory of the band. Asking about a Smiths reformation is no different to driving into fog.

• How important was it to you to let your feelings be known about the Royal Family during the Olympics? I don't view it as criticism but as intelligent observation. The so-called Royals are a dictatorship.

raphy, which his publisher, Penguin Books, is already calling "a classic in the making."

**Did you find fulfillment in writing your autobiography? Was there a particular period of time in your life that you exorcised that gave you more relief to revisit than others?** The terror is equally balanced throughout all periods. It's a bit like locking yourself away in a dark room and hoping to God something useful develops.

**Was dealing with a long format a luxury or a chore?** At times I felt ready to be

carried off, and you can certainly overdose on yourself. But even on off-days I'd find some petrol (gas) in the tank.

**You've always been known for writing such great quotable couplets, which ended up in countless yearbooks over the years. Can you share either the first or last sentence of the book with our readers?**

Under no circumstances. **Speaking of songwriting lines, is there a line from one of your songs for which you hope you will be best remembered?** Fortunately, there are

many. When you've re-recorded songs such as *Life is a Pigsty* and *The World is Full of Crashing Bores*, it can't be denied that you at least have something to say. ... Although *Rolling Stone* magazine has done a great job of ousting me off the human map.

**Further on that topic of being remembered, you've dealt with the subject of death in your songs quite extensively. Do you have your epitaph picked out already?**

Chaucer's "mother dear, let me in." That would suit, I think.

**On the opposite end of the spectrum, what makes you laugh these days?**

My naked self. Thankfully it's not something I see often. I tend to look away.

**About 10 years ago, Chuck Klosterman wrote an article for Spin where he drew attention to your Latino fanbase, which had previously been unknown to many readers. When did you first become aware that this segment of the population was getting so**

**much out of your music?** When I first toured the U.S. as a solo entity, I noticed that 70 per cent of the audience was Latino. Many were, and are, serious gang tribes out for blood, which, of course, is lovely and quite handy given the circumstances of my life. It was persistently written in England that the only people who could possibly like Morrissey were those who made their own bread. This was never true.

**You're playing with the Stooges on a few of these dates. Out of respect for Iggy, will you be keeping your shirt on? The shirtless thing is interesting because both of you guys do it so differently. What is it all about for you?** I'm the before to Iggy's after. My body is nothing to look at, but it's mine and we get on quite well.

**You've said that you wouldn't perform past the age of 55. Is this still your cut-off?**

I doubt I'll make it to 55. The British Royals will turn the tanks on me way before then.

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Morrissey has never been one to hide his opinions and now he's bringing them to people in autobiographical form. GETTY IMAGES



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## Sean Paul. Reflects on the women who have helped make his career



Sean Paul is sporting a new hairdo. GETTY IMAGES

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On Sean Paul's brand-new single, Kelly Rowland asks him, *How Deep Is Your Love?* The song is pure Mr. Loverman dance hall, as Rowland provides the pretty chorus hook and Sean Paul answers that his love is "deeper than the ocean" amongst the decipherable words in his bubbling patois. Though it seems as he could be flirting with any female, he could also be giving thanks to every female.

"I think I make good songs with ladies," says the Jamaican singer, displaying what is either an acute self-awareness or an understated view of his history of duets.

Over the years he has paired his voice with the likes of Rihanna, Nina Sky, Alexis Jordan, Keyshia Cole and Beyoncé.

"With me wanting to do any other collaborations with ladies, I think Kelly Rowland was just like the cherry on top," he says.

This latest pairing also means that he's sang with two-thirds of the formative lineup of Destiny's Child.

"Yeah, Michelle," he says, contemplating the final puzzle piece, Michelle Williams, "I guess in the future I'll do a gospel tour with her."

### Mohawk Tomahawk

Sean Paul's new album *Tomahawk Technique* is the first to showcase his new hairdo, a change from the tight braids that became a trademark for him early in his career.

- **Quote.** "I'm gonna be like 80 and rocking a mohawk. People will be like, 'Look at that mad old dude!'"

It's hard to know if Sean Paul is serious or not, but he does seem genuinely interested in more duets.

"I want to work with Alicia Keys because of her vibe. I want to work with Shakira, and I heard she just got pregnant — big ups and congrats to her," he says, almost as if he's doing a shout-out on a radio station.

But the artist he seems really set on working with is Lauryn Hill.

"I think she's an amazing talent," he says.

"I do not like when people do not recognize history, and Lauryn Hill made history, man. She has a crazy album that is a landmark, and you can still play that album anywhere. That sounds like an artist to me."

# Out of the Black puts a big light on Boys Noize

**New album.** Huge names jumping on board with Alexander Ridha as he continues his journey through the indie-music underworld

Alexander Ridha has made a name for himself. Performing under the name Boys Noize, he's been able to perform with the biggest names like Tiesto and Skrillex and collaborate with Snoop Dogg and Jarvis Cocker — all without major label representation.

We caught up with Ridha at Electric Zoo in New York City to talk about his newest album *Out of the Black* and find out what influences him and keeps him going.

**Out of the Black is coming out throughout October. What inspired you on this album?**

One of the big parts of this album was really getting back since it's my third album. I was trying to get this feeling back when I first started producing.

Most of the time when you don't know what you are doing that's when the magic happens. I was really

clearing my head and forgetting about everything that is going on right now and what is hot right now. It's a very personal album. I would say it's a mix of my first and second albums.

**You have a lot of disco and hip hop influences. Is that what you grew up listening to?**

I have a 10 years older brother, and at the end of the 80s he was buying all those early house records so I was always into that, into real house music and rap at the same time, Run DMC and Public Enemy and stuff.

When I started to buy records I was buying both, like hip hop and house. The way I always mixed house music as a DJ was also more in a hip hop way. I was cutting music and loops.

**Who would we be surprised that we listened to? The Bee Gees?**

I don't have anything against the Bee Gees and Donna Summer, but that was more my mother's side. She was all in that disco stuff like chic.

**What kind of hip hop did you listen to?**

The old school stuff was kind of like Pharcyde or Wu Tang. When it came out, I was able to rap the whole ODB album, the first one.

Even though I didn't understand anything because

I was German, I was rapping along! I stopped buying hip-hop records towards the beginning of 2000 because it got too much like jiggy, and it was only about like rims and stuff. But I was still a big fan of any Neptunes or Timbaland production, and of course Dre. And of course Snoop.

**Speaking of Snoop Dogg — or Snoop Lion, I guess... Not on my album. On my album he's Snoop Dogg! (Laughs)**

**What was it like working with him on Got It?**

It was amazing. It was like a dream come true. I was always saying to myself, 'If I would be able to make a track for him, I could stop making music.' I grew up with his sound. It was cool. You know he wants to vibe first so we hung out a little bit. In the beginning of this year we had the chance to record music together, hang out in his apartment and stuff. It was really nice and he's such a great guy.

**Onto another collaboration. I'm a huge Jarvis Cocker fan. I love Pulp. What was it like to work with him?**

You're the first to ask that! It was fantastic because it was something I really didn't expect him to do.

I did the music with a friend of mine, Erol Alkan. We didn't want it to get like the standard remixes, we just wanted to make something really outstanding and came up with this idea.

We asked him, and he did this kind of a cover version of an old Leonard Cohen song which is called *Avalanche*. He was speaking all those words.

It's really amazing if you think about making music with Jarvis Cocker. He's a genius.

**What else can we look forward to from you besides your new album?**

I'm going on my first live tour. I'm going to do a crazy production as well. It's going to be something I'm really, really excited about.

I'm starting the tour Oct. 6, and I'll be in the U.S. I think from Nov. 23. It's going to be crazy I told you.

I just wanted to make something new. I've been lucky to play all festivals with my CDs, and it definitely had a live element as well because I do a lot of improvisation or remix live on the go.

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# Seeking the unexperienced

**New album.** Dan Snaith, of Caribou fame, is releasing a electronica album with the hope of generating fresh inspiration

When Caribou's Dan Snaith first started frequenting dance clubs as a teenager in Toronto, he already couldn't resist the lure of the DJ booth.

Any time a piece of visionary vinyl started spinning, he remembers being "that guy" peering over the DJ's shoulder, trying to catch a glimpse of the label.

"The most exciting moments in DJ sets for me, in the past, have all been: 'Oh my God, I can't believe this record exists. It's so good, what is it?'" said the London-based musician in a recent telephone interview.

In recent years — just as Snaith found himself exhausted by the rituals and clichés of traditional live pop music — he found himself returning to clubs, energized and inspired by the DJs whirling through London and those moments of dance floor discovery that are hard to come by anywhere else.

That's what inspired his latest disc, *Jiaolong*, which the electronic composer — who previously recorded as Manitoba — will release Tuesday under the moniker Daphni.

As opposed to his typically meticulous work with Caribou, Snaith breathed life into

## Quote

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Dan Snaith  
Talking about how he makes music



When Caribou's Dan Snaith first started frequenting dance clubs as a teenager in Toronto, he was already being drawn to the DJ booth.

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these nine tracks quickly, out of necessity — most of the compositions here had to be finished immediately as he worked to conjure new music for his set.

And given that he worked with an analog modular synthesizer — a notoriously fussy machine with which it can be difficult or even impossible to reproduce sounds created moments before — he didn't have the option of fiddling endlessly with his spontaneously crafted tunes.

"The whole point of this music is for it to sound like something unexpected and genuinely live and improvised is happening, so when I was DJing it in a club, people would get that feeling that like: 'What on earth is going to happen next? We don't know where this music's going,'" he said.

Yet fans who followed Caribou's progression from the bedroom psychedelia of 2007's *Polaris* Prize-winning *Andorra* to 2010's glittering dance-pop collection *Swim* will actually find *Jiaolong* a logical next step from a cerebral artist who usually favours more dramatic creative left turns.

On *Jiaolong*, Snaith again

and again finds a groove then threads in layers of surprising colours — the whimsical digital flute floating through the bubbling *Light*, for instance, or the foreboding synth squiggles furiously ricocheting off one another in *Jiao*.

Aside from the work of fellow DJs — in particular, Detroit's Theo Parrish — Snaith found inspiration in a mix of obscure music from around the world. (He hesitates to use the term "world music," since it "conjures up people in the 1980s with questionable leather hats, like old retired guys from Vermont playing with guys from Africa.")

But while venturing into somewhat unfamiliar territory, Snaith was thankful for the ability to test his latest tunes quickly in front of discerning crowds.

"My most common experience is making a track that I'm really excited about and coming back the next day and listening to it and thinking that it's terrible. That has always happened to me — always," said Snaith, who has a PhD in mathematics from Imperial College London.

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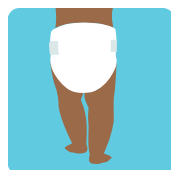


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# Bond with the music classics

**Spy soundtrack.** With Adele's *Skyfall* pleasing the ears of fans, we look at the other songs that made the secret agent saga famous

With the release of the latest Bond movie *Skyfall* and the film's impressive song of the same name by British songstress Adele, Metro looks at a long line of iconic tunes that helped make Bond the sophisticated, escapist's franchise that it is today.

**Goldfinger** by Shirley Bassey from *Goldfinger*

Classic film, classic voice: Bassey recorded three Bond themes, the only performer to do more than one.

**Bond Theme/Kingston Calypso/Three Blind Mice** by Monty Norman from *Dr. No*

The first, and, if not the best, it deserves credit for setting the tone for future Bonds, although the end of the YouTube clip for the song is just odd. Plus: funky title design!

**Live and Let Die** by Paul McCartney & Wings from *Live and Let Die*

Love it when the guitar breaks out. Or are we thinking of the Guns N' Roses cover?

**Nobody Does it Better** by Carly Simon from *The Spy Who Loved Me*

The title says it all.

**A View to a Kill (Dance Into the Fire)** by Duran Duran from *A View to a Kill*

For a certain generation, Roger Moore is James Bond, and this was his definitive '80s theme.

**OHMSS Title Theme** by John Barry Orchestra from *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*

Sampled by DJs even today, this classical hit is more fondly remembered than George whatshisname.

**Diamonds are Forever** by Shirley Bassey from *Diamonds are Forever*

Another Bassey smash, this for the last official film to star Sean Connery.

**From Russia with Love (Instrumental)** by John Barry from *From Russia with Love*

Another instrumental, and still glorious 50 years later.

**The World is Not Enough** by Garbage from *The World is Not Enough*

Kudos to the producers for taking a risk here, hiring an alt rock band with electronic, melancholy touches, to shake things up. It's Bond remixed.

**You Only Live Twice** by Nancy Sinatra from *You Only Live Twice*



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## Celebs battle over best Bond



"He has all of what you expect from Bond. He was debonair, classy and yet had a twinkle in his eye and he's a handsome guy who can act."

GoldenEye actress Famke Janssen. Talking up her co-star in that movie Irish actor Pierce Brosnan.



"Timothy Dalton deserves more credit than he gets. He nails the dark and dangerous element, but unlike Daniel Craig (Connery's runner up in my book), Dalton also brings an elegance and humour to the role."

Star of *Guys with Kids* Jesse Bradford on the only Welsh man to ever play Bond.

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A year after her hit *These Boots Are Made for Walkin'*, Frank's daughter scored another hit.

**Moonraker** by Shirley Bassey from *Moonraker*

Bassey is still alive and performing Bond songs. Bring her back!

**Thunderball** by Tom Jones from *Thunderball*

Who better to sing a Bond song than a man who scores just as many ladies?

**The Man with the Golden Gun** by Lulu from *The Man with the Golden Gun*

Lovely. But we prefer Lulu's To Sir, with Love

**GoldenEye** by Tina Turner from *GoldenEye*

She's an icon. This song, not so much.

**Licence to Kill** by Gladys Knight from *Licence to Kill*

The track sounds very 1989, but we're nostalgic for it. Unlike Sheena Easton's.

**For Your Eyes Only** by Sheena Easton from *For Your Eyes Only*

The '80s Brit sings this one right into the camera, and gives it her all. We remember it being played in dentists' offices everywhere.

**All Time High** by Rita Coolidge from *Octopussy*

The tune is passable but the tune is passable but we dock points because she never says the word Octopussy.

**The Living Daylights** by A-Ha from *The Living Daylights*

Side note: A-Ha's video for *Take on Me* was better than this entire film.

**Another Way to Die** by Jack White & Alicia Keys from *Quantum of Solace*

Stuttering, rockabilly, and featuring a weird pair, this tune is at least bolder than the movie, one of the worst Bonds ever.

**Tomorrow Never Dies** by Sheryl Crow from *Tomorrow Never Dies*

There's no one less Bond than the woman behind elevator music like *All I Wanna Do*.

**Die Another Day** by Madonna from *Die Another Day*

Madonna + vocoder = a dated techno fail. This just misses last place because at least we remember it.

**You Know My Name** by Chris Cornell from *Casino Royale*

A revitalizing movie. With a theme song sung by a grunge-era relic. METRO WORLD NEWS

# Godspeed You! Black Emperor, A Fine Frenzy, Ben Gibbard help you get cosy

Fall is definitely here and we're spending time indoors.  
Here are three tracks for cold evenings



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## Mladic/ Godspeed You! Black Emperor

Fantastically atmospheric music from the oddly-punctuated Montreal outfit. Allelujah! Don't Bend! Ascend! It's their first record in a decade.

## Now Is The Start/A Fine Frenzy

Tori Amos and Kate Bush fans will appreciate Alison Sudol's whimsy. Her third album is called Pines.



## Teardrop Windows/Ben Gibbard

The Death Cab for Cutie frontman feels the need to exorcise some pent-up solo issues. I wonder how much of Former Lies was written with ex-wife Zooey Deschanel in mind?

# Songwriter nominations. Elvis Costello, B.B. King and Davies lead the way

Elvis Costello, B.B. King and Ray Davies are among the nominees for the 2013 Songwriters Hall of Fame.

They're joined by a slew of top acts, including Jimmy Buffett, Vince Gill and Rod Temperton, who wrote Michael Jackson's Thriller, Rock With You and Off the Wall.

Songwriters Hall gave The Associated Press a list of nominees in advance of the official announcement, set for Oct. 16. The gala takes place June 13 at the New York Marriott Marquis.

Also nominated are Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie, former Eurythmics bandmates Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, Jeff Lynne, Steve Winwood, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler and Joe Perry, Bobby Womack and Foreigner's Lou Gramm and Mick Jones, who said in an interview that he's excited to be highlighted as a songwriter.

"It means a lot that those songs have been recognized, and maybe, hopefully a little part of history," Jones said of the band's hits, which in-



Elvis Costello. GETTY IMAGES

## Other nods

Non-performing songwriters.

- **Up for nomination.** Chain of Fools songwriter Don Covay, country music songwriter Bobby Braddock and Holly Knight, who co-wrote Pat Benatar's Love Is a Battlefield and Tina Turner's Better Be Good to Me.

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# Twitter plays catalyst as finally R.L. Stine takes on adult horror novel

**Red Rain.** Renowned children's horror author listened to social media followers and penned book for grown-ups about evil twin boys

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Twitter has been credited with a lot of things: The ousting of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, launching book deals (Sh-t My Dad Says), recounting what you had for lunch, etc. And here's one more gold star on the micro-blogging site's list of accomplishments: Getting famed young adult author R.L. Stine to pen a book for adults.

"I'm on Twitter all day long," says the engaging Goosebumps series author, only half-jokingly. "There are no kids on Twitter, but there are all these 20 and 30-somethings who grew up with Goosebumps."

These followers — which number around 60,000 — kept asking Stine if they'd ever be able to read something from him that's a bit more age-appropriate. "I thought, 'Gee, I have all of these people out there,'" says Stine. "And I can't ignore my audience!"



So Red Rain, a very adult horror book — following orphaned twins adopted by a well-meaning travel author and her family who are unaware that they are evil incarnate — was cre-

ated. But what does it mean that Stine, who spent decades writing books for kids, created two monsters who were children?

"I thought people would find it funny," he says with

a laugh. "Because I write about so many good children. The kids in Goosebumps are all good, fighting horrible evil. I thought people would find it ironic if I turned it around."

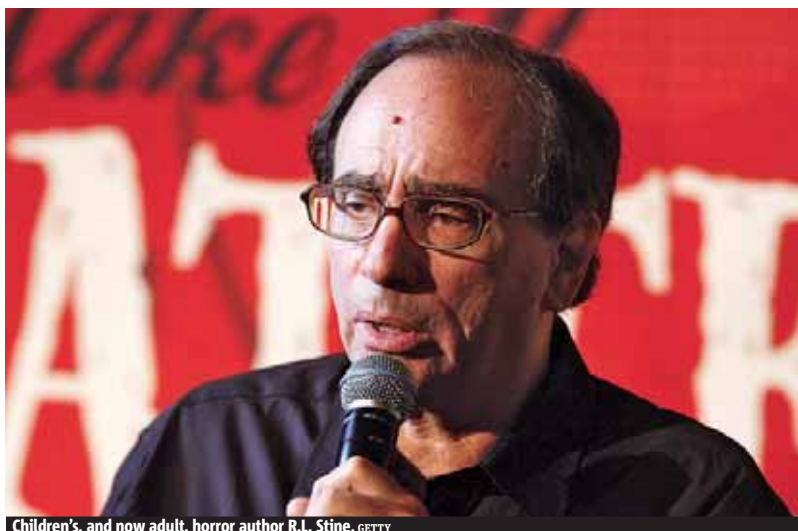
Red Rain is a tale of beautiful, otherworldly and, yes, evil twin boys who shoot laser beams out of their eyes. Making them twins was an intentional plot device for Stine.

"All twins are scary," he says. "They have been through time." Stine researched twins throughout the ages before starting

to write the book. "People would separate them at birth because they were considered bad luck," he recounted. "And, of course, there have been lots of horror books and movies about evil twins, so I'm carrying on the tradition."

It's a big year for Stine. Not only is Red Rain out today, but it's also the 20th anniversary of Goosebumps, one of the best-selling children's series of all time.

Just how popular is the series? There have been more than 300 million books sold.



Children's, and now adult, horror author R.L. Stine. GETTY



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#### Twitter influence

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**R.L. Stine** says only half-jokingly about one of the reasons he decided to finally write an adult horror book after years of being known as a kids and pre-teen author. He has around 60,000 followers on Twitter

#### Fall into these books

### Endearing and touching biography

**Dwarf: A Memoir**

By Tiffanie DiDonato  
Release date: Nov. 27

Many memoirs can feel voyeuristic at times, but not Tiffanie DiDonato's *Dwarf* is her tale about growing up with a rare disorder known as diastrophic dysplasia and the surgeries she had to undergo to lengthen her limbs. DiDonato fought with courage and aplomb for the inches she gained — and the life she got because of it. It's not just a medical drama though; there is a sweet love story that flows under the disorder that anyone will be able to relate to.

### Comic compilation from the U.S.

The Best American Comics: 2012  
Francoise Mouly, editor  
Release date: Out now

There's been a "Best Of" compilation of almost every genre of writing; why should comics get passed over? Curated by Francoise Mouly, this collection presents the best work from comic world icons and up-and-comers alike. It's a standout collection — even if the year isn't over yet.

### Coming out

**Born this Way: Real Stories of Growing Up Gay**

By Paul Vitagliano  
Release date: Out now

This book is a touching compendium of LGBT people recounting how they came to realize they were gay and sharing their subsequent coming out stories with readers. The pictures of them in all their youthful fierceness make the book.

### Second World War heroine

The Life of Objects: A Novel  
By Susanna Moore  
Release date: Out now

In her trademark tight, crisp, descriptive prose, Susanna Moore delves into the Second World War with her latest heroine, 17-year-old lacemaker Beatrice Palmer, who falls in with an aristocratic German family. It's a literary Downton Abbey — but without the slick TV sheen.

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## Lohan tells father in intense phone call that mother is on cocaine

More details are coming to light about Lindsay Lohan's early-morning spat with mom Dina Lohan now that audio from a call Lindsay placed to dad Michael Lohan has been obtained by TMZ. "Dad, she's on cocaine," Lohan yells on the call. "She's, like, touching her neck and s---. She's saying disgusting things to me ... I'm dead to her now." Throughout the call, Lindsay also stops to yell at her mom, "This

### Quoted

**"This is what you do. You ruin people."**

Lohan talking to her mother Dina. While on a call to her father Michael.

is what you do. You ruin people." Michael eventually called the police, who intervened outside the family's Long Island home.



Robert Pattinson ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Pattinson seen with mystery girl on night out

Despite reports of a reconciliation between Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, the British Twilight star was recently enjoying the company of another woman, according to the Daily Mail. Pattinson and some pals hit up a New York City nightclub earlier this week, though

the actor spent most of the night getting cosy with a mystery blonde. "He had his arm around (the girl) at one point, and they chatted for most of the night," a source says. "They looked like they were having a great time, and the girl was making him laugh a lot."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Grey's star McKidd reflects on how far he has come



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"I can't believe I had to come all the way to New York to get a glass of Macallan," proclaimed actor Kevin McKidd's extremely Scottish father Neil on Wednesday night. He was sipping the scotch whisky at a party celebrating a new creative campaign between his son, photographer Annie Leibovitz and

Macallan.

It was a good crack by the elder McKidd. He and his wife, Kathleen, raised Kevin in Elgin, which is just a few miles away from the Macallan distillery, where the actor worked as a teenager. "I was literally the guy who swept up all the crap and did all the crap jobs," recounted Kevin, who is probably most famous for portraying Dr. Owen Hunt (a.k.a. McRugged) on Grey's Anatomy. "I was the hired hand holding all the rubbish."

And now he's being photographed by Leibovitz for the Macallan Masters of Photography campaign, which is comprised of 1,000 limited edition bottles featuring various portraits of McKidd. "It's extremely surreal," he said.



Justin Bieber

## Angry Bieber takes to Twitter as 'personal' footage, items are stolen

Justin Bieber had his computer and camera stolen from backstage during a tour stop in Washington state this week, he announced on Twitter. "Yesterday during the show me and my tour manager Josh had some stuff stolen. Really sucks. People should respect other's property,"

he posted. "I had a lot of personal footage on that computer and camera and that is what bothers me the most." It's unclear just how "personal" that footage is, but so far there have been no reports of anyone looking to sell anything compromising from Bieber's collection.



### Twitter



@chrisrockoz

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### Wine your way right into autumn



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As my summer worshipping friends shed a tear for the recent passing of the seasonal torch, I'm revelling in fall.

I mean, what's not to love about autumn? There's the colours, me rocking my jacket collection on cool, crisp afternoons, Halloween and, of course, a chance to match rustic wines with the harvested bounty — thanks to my local food growers.

While I hate liquid pigeonholing, once in a while you have to look deep into your glass and admit that some wines just seem to taste better at certain times of the year.

A textbook example are the reds from Italy's Chianti region in Tuscany.

The sangiovese grape calls the area home and its combination of bright violet aromatics and ripe plum/cherry fruit flavours has an earthy charm that speaks to fall's essence.

The Ruffino Chianti DOCG (\$14.95 - \$17.99) is a straightforward version that's been a mainstay of Italian restos since the 1970s. The current 2011 edition is soft and supple with a plump, dark berry personality that makes a perfect partner to light stews, roasted poultry, and tomato-based pasta sauces.

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## Anything Taco

Tacos are huge! Fish tacos, bison tacos, Mexican seasonings or more fusion esoteric flavours abound. If it is wrapped in a corn or wheat tortilla, it is cool. If it has slaw or pickles, it is over the moon, super cool. The newest versions have soft corn tacos rather than the envelope ones that your mom made, which leaked and cracked and drizzled meat juice all down your arm. Nowadays, you really ought to eat this art with a fork.



## Grilled Cheese

Any way you slice it, the classic standby has become a shining example of gourmet. Mixing cheeses with condiments, meats with pickles, thick breads and thin is very au courant. And if you can get your grilled cheese from a food truck, well, aren't you the cat's meow?



## Ethnic Condiments

The more authentic the condiment, the better! You've never had such fun mixing Indian Raita with spicy Mexican food or garlicky chimichurri with sheep's milk brie on baguette. Chutneys of all shapes and flavours as well as harissa and other flavourful pastes make a meal sing.

## Cupcakes

These wee treaties are not going away. A cake is too much of a commitment but a cupcake can cheer you up in a few bites and not leave eight more pieces in the kitchen to call your name. Apples, baked, caramelized or stewed are also making a comeback and if you find a cupcake containing those flavours, buy it!



## Grilled Cheese Upgrade.

This recipe combines two of the fall food trends — grilled cheese and chutney, which is an ethnic condiment.

1. Preheat a cast iron skillet to medium-high and butter one side of each piece of bread.

2. Place two slices face down into skillet, top with cheese and a dollop of chutney, cover with second slice, butter side out.

3. Flip once and allow cheese to melt.

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### U of A artists on the Ave

Block 1912 Café on Whyte Avenue near 104 Street is a great supporter of the community and here's another example. The eclectic, funky space that is the café, with its comfy couches and quirky tables, is also the gallery that will house art work from U of A student artists in a rotating exhibition. A meet-the-artist event goes Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m. Come support local art and artists and enjoy made-on-site desserts and coffee.



### Go see her, maybe

It's in your head, don't deny it. Carly Rae Jepsen, the gal with the song of the summer *Call Me Maybe*, is at West Edmonton Mall Sunday at 2 p.m. for an acoustic set of music and autographs — go early if you want in. And plan to wait. She plays the next night at Rexall, but die-hard fans will want to try for up close and personal access at this event at the Newcap radio stage.



### For all you bossy mamas

Flaunt calls itself Edmonton's trade show of the year, celebrating women in business, but great for women at all stages of life. I'm talking mamas here. The show gives a nod to ladies with babies with amenities including a stroller check and a breastfeeding area. Admission is by donation of cash or diapers. There's fashion shows, free wine, beer and food tasting and swag bags for the first 250 visitors. At the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Check bossymamaflaunt.ca for details.



### Fun-raiser

How to describe this event? It's part volunteer fair, part silent auction and part night-on-the-town. The Edmonton Timeraiser connects people with non-profit groups and gives them the chance to earn art through a silent auction and bids of volunteer hours rather than money. This grassroots initiative has matched volunteers with agencies, helped emerging Canadian artists' careers and generated tons of volunteer hours. The event goes Saturday at the TransAlta Arts Barns. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the art auction begins at 8:30 p.m.



### Ya gotta laugh a little

Time for a laugh, a chuckle, an I-can't-breathe-that-was-so-funny moment or two. In other words, time for the Edmonton Comedy Festival, a five-day laugh riot that runs Oct. 17 to 21. The fest will include more than 24 comics from across the continent who will bring funny to the city. Names like Andrew Grose, Atomic Improv and Big Daddy Tazz are a few headliners at venues like the Citadel, River Cree Resort and The Westin. Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo hosts the Comedy Rodeo Oct. 17 at the Citadel to kick off the wacky event. Prepare to be amused.



### Namaste

A little sun salutation? Downward dog? Set the tone for a stress-free weekend as Yogalife Studios celebrates the grand opening of their north side studio (15823 97 St. N.W.) on Saturday. There's an all-day yoga-thon and a silent auction, with proceeds supporting the great work done at Ronald McDonald House. There will be heated and non-heated classes, a new studio and a chance to talk to the fine folk from Yogalife. It's all good. Call 780-436-8622 or email Lindsey@yogalifestudios.ca for more.

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# Sidney sees solution ahead for lockout

**NHL.** Penguins superstar believes lockout won't erase entire season

Sidney Crosby can't even get through a conversation with his grandmother without the topic being raised.

A phone call back to Nova Scotia over Thanksgiving weekend inevitably veered towards the status of the NHL's collective bargaining talks and included the \$3 billion question being asked throughout the hockey world: When will the season start?

"It's all anybody wants to talk about," Crosby said Thursday.

That includes the Penguins captain, who fielded questions from reporters at a practice facility in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. It was a morning he should have been preparing for the season opener — Friday's game against the Islanders was cancelled by the lockout — but instead found himself going through drills with a handful of teammates.

They are the optimistic few

## Quoted

**"It would be pretty unfortunate for negotiation tactics or something like that to really ruin things."**

Sidney Crosby on his hope that the NHL and NHLPA will reach a settlement soon

## Wishful thinking

The progress Crosby is hoping for didn't happen this week during two days of meetings between the league and NHLPA in New York.

- The sides broke off talks Thursday afternoon and reported no progress in their ongoing stalemate.

who are staying in town with hopes that a settlement will soon be reached and training camp can open. At this point, Crosby isn't even willing to entertain the notion that the work stoppage could threaten the entire season.

"I can't see it getting to that point, I really can't," he told The Canadian Press. "If anything, my thoughts are more just about whether the NHL has a date in mind (for the season to start) and just when they're actually going to start negotiating."

The first two weeks of the regular season have already been wiped out and cost the NHL almost \$250 million US in lost revenue, according to deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

Much of Crosby's optimism is rooted in the growth he's seen since entering in the NHL. He was skating in the QMJHL during the 2004-05 lockout and helped propel the sport to new heights when the "new" NHL returned the following season.

"There's a lot of momen-



Sidney Crosby cracks a smile during an informal workout with his Penguins teammates on Thursday in Canonsburg, Pa. KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tum," said Crosby. "I just really hope that the (owners) aren't taking that for granted."

The timing of the current lockout is particularly tough for Crosby, who was limited to just 63 regular-season games the last two seasons because

of concussion symptoms. He's now feeling better than ever — "I've come a long way" — and believes all of the time he spent on the sidelines recently has helped him stay patient during negotiations.

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## MLB

### Giants walk road to a mammoth series comeback

Not just any comeback would get San Francisco back to playing for a pennant. It would take one of Giant proportions.

And Buster Posey believed it could happen. Even after the Giants left the West Coast down two games, the National League batting champion insisted his team could pull it off, despite the long odds.

With one swing, he got everyone else believing it, too.

Posey hit the third grand slam in Giants post-season history on Thursday, and San Francisco pulled off an unprecedented revival, moving into the championship series with a 6-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

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## MLB

### Werth goes long to extend Nats' post-season

The Washington Nationals signed Jayson Werth to show them how to win. His game-ending homer Thursday night extended their surprising season.

Werth led off the bottom of the ninth inning by driving Lance Lynn's 13th pitch into the left-field stands to give the Nationals a 2-1 victory over the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals and force a Game 5 in their NL division series.

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# Esks winning without Sherritt

Edmonton's strong offence a good antidote for losing league-leading tackler; Lions are still looking like the class of Canadian football; are Roughriders fans really that cuckoo?



**CFL EXTRA POINTS**  
Dan Toth  
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**Edmonton Eskimos:** The Eskimos are proving they can win without league-leading tackler J.C. Sherritt, who built that stat partially because the Esks offence has been awful all season and Sherritt's always on the field. The Esks offence, under Kavis Reed's direction, produced close to 500 net yards last week, proving you don't need a tackling macking on D if you've always got the ball.

**Calgary Stampeders:** The Stamps have to be counting on Drew Tate's return to QB before the end of the season. While Kevin Glenn has performed well in starting 12 straight games for Calgary, he stunk against B.C. last week, leaving many to wonder if

Calgary can get out of the West without a more dynamic pivot. You have to believe Stamps brass was thinking the same thing, and Tate's the reason they disposed of Henry Burris after last season.

**B.C. Lions:** We're seeing again why the Lions are Grey Cup champs and favourites to repeat in 2012. To win it all last season after an 0-5 start and now, beating Calgary in a first-place showdown without three key injured players, proves this club has something special. Head coach Mike Benevides calls it "DNA," something the club has developed by overcoming obstacles. The Lions are 21-5 since that woeful start last season and remain the class of the CFL.

**Winnipeg Blue Bombers:** No matter how good Buck Pierce is feeling, the team just has to start QB

Joey Elliott this week against Calgary. After a three-TD performance last week in Montreal, and with Pierce still recovering from a concussion, Elliott deserves another chance to not only start but play a complete game — something Pierce rarely does.

**Saskatchewan Roughriders:** The 13th Man feature on TSN has everyone talking, with many Monday morning critics giving the show a thumbs down. The problem? Some feel the one-hour special painted all Rider fans as a little off-kilter. Yes, there are a tremendous number of fanatics for whom it's more than just a game, but not all Rider Rooters paint the team logo on their garage door or wear their Darian Durant jersey to Cancun in February. As for the young journalist who was quoted saying, "There's nothing else here," ouch!

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## Horoscopes

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

What you decide to focus on today and over the weekend depends on trust. Specifically, do you trust partners and colleagues enough to take their advice seriously? That's something only you can decide.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets indicate that the more you push yourself now, the more you will achieve. The approaching new moon will boost your vitality and make it easier to get things done — both at home and at work.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You won't lack for confidence over the next 24 hours. Even if you are one of those rare Geminis who is cautious by nature, you will take risks left, right and centre. Don't aim for perfection, aim to have fun.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You want the chance to prove yourself to the world and you will get it over the next few days. But don't push yourself so hard that you risk some sort of injury. Everyone has limits — even a Cancerian.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It seems you have something on your mind, something you feel needs to be said, and if others don't like it that's just too bad. You can be quite harsh when the mood takes you — and it's taking you now.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You need to adopt a more adventurous approach, especially where your personal life is concerned. Most of all, you need to get over your fear of rejection. The person you most need to love is yourself.

## ♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There is a new moon in your birth sign on Monday. Between now and then, you should give some thought to what kind of new start you want to make. Don't limit your horizons: Think big and act big too.

## ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It's good to be tolerant, to accept that different people see things in different ways, but that does not mean you have to change your own ways. You are who you are for a reason — a good reason, too.

## ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are in one of those moods where you have very little patience with people who drag their feet or get in your way. Be warned though that if you are too abrasive, you could make a serious enemy — or several.

## ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be worried that you won't make it to the top of whatever level it is you aspire to, but you will. Your greatest trait is not your ambition, but your staying power. You refuse to give up.

## ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You've had your fill of certain people and intend to get away from them as soon as possible. Good for you. A change of scene will do you a world of good today. Stretch it to several days if you can.

## ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

The approaching new moon will help you sort out your money situation but you've got to accept it will take time. If you act in haste today, you may regret it come Monday when other options reveal themselves. **SALLY BROMPTON**

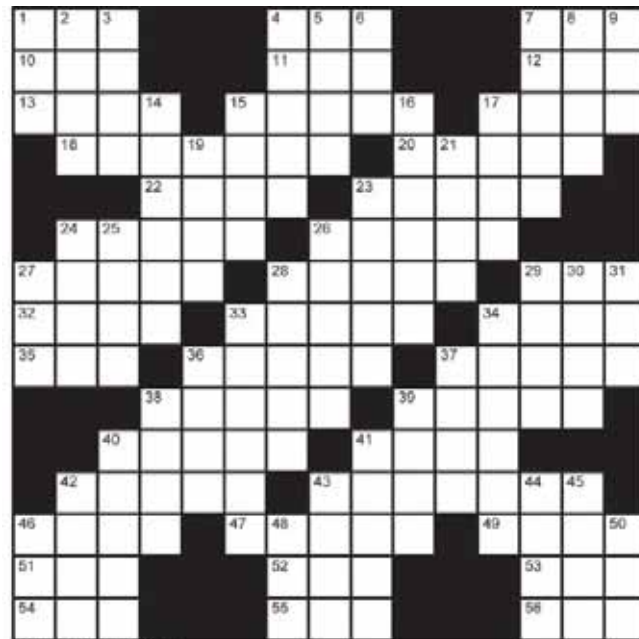
## More of This, More of That, Less of the Other

## Across

1. Blue Jays' games ainer
4. Weep
7. Lamb's bleat
10. In the manner of (2 wds.)
11. Caviar source
12. Free (of)
13. North or South \_\_\_\_
15. Butcher shop sales
17. "Electric" fishes
18. BC's \_\_\_\_ National Park, in the Rockies near Revelstoke
20. \_\_\_\_ and have-nots
22. Prairie Province: abbr.
23. Called, as a crow
24. "Have \_\_\_\_!": "No need to stand" (2 wds.)
26. Fly-fisherman's flies
27. Territory that doesn't have Territory in its name
28. Dust particles
29. Bit of a beverage
32. "Don't rub \_\_\_\_!" (2 wds.)
33. "\_\_\_\_ by the bell!"
34. Resident of what was once known as Siam
35. Opp. of neg.
36. Aquatic mammal
37. Tommy \_\_\_\_: Cheech's Edmonton-born partner
38. Apple centre remover
39. Versifiers
40. Labyrinths
41. Croat neighbor
42. Mothers: Fr.
43. Anthem with English and French versions (2 wds.)
46. Appetizer spread
47. Crystal ball gazers
49. National Park just across the Alberta-British Columbia border from Banff
51. Make a mistake
52. By way of
53. Black or green drink
54. Teeny
55. Jungfrau or Matterhorn, e.g.
56. CPR expert: initialism

## Down

1. Tuque, for one
2. Online report
3. Get on the phone
4. Small channel or stream
5. Enthusiastic audience's sound
6. Still
7. Distinct variety of a species
8. Doesn't feel well
9. Personals
14. \_\_\_\_ the brakes: apply brakes gently (2 wds.)
15. Cloud around Niagara Falls
16. Divvied up
17. Nights before
19. *The Godfather* actor James
21. Bedazzles
23. More "Awww"-inspiring
24. Car
25. Slope equipment
26. Romeo or Lothario
27. High-pitched bark
28. First \_\_\_\_: captains' subordinates
29. Amount in a whiskey glass
30. Actors Guinness and McKellen
31. Overeat, with "out"
33. Duress
34. Canada's best known retailer, familiarly (2 wds.)
36. Seep
37. Cob covering
38. Supervision
39. Pod occupants
40. 39.37 inches
41. Abandon, as a project
42. Equine female
43. Trompe l' \_\_\_\_: fool-the-eye art (from French)
44. Act like a loving grandparent
45. "Attention please!"
46. Church bench
48. "Little" singer of "The Loco-motion"
50. Rye cousin



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## Yesterday's Crossword



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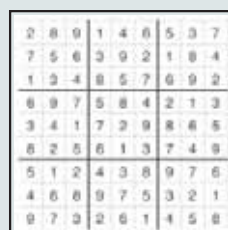


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## Yesterday's Sudoku



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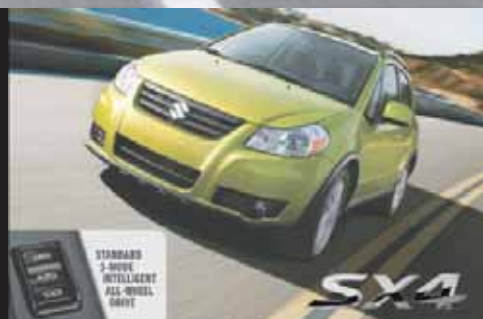
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